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To: All Secondary Agricultural Science, Environmental/Conservation CTE programs.

**From: Bill Waite, Program Director, Oswegatchie Educational Center
Shari Lighthall, New York Ag Education and Outreach**

RE: Environmental & Leadership Development Program

The Oswegatchie Educational Center is offering **33%** funded Environmental and Leadership Development programs to be implemented at the center during the November 2015. Funding for these programs has been made possible by **NY Ag Education and Outreach**. **All secondary Agricultural Science, Environmental / Conservation CTE programs** may apply for these special opportunities. See the attached Request for Proposals for requirements and details. *All proposals must be postmarked or emailed by October 15th 2015* Please do not delay your proposals.

Since 2000, Oswegatchie has hosted these environmental and leadership development programs at the center. We are looking forward to giving this opportunity to your students again this year. The Oswegatchie Educational Center is situated on a 1200 acre expanse of land inside the Adirondack Park. This setting provides the perfect atmosphere for learning about our natural world. The property includes 4 bodies of water, various streams, wetlands, open fields, and woodlands ideal for environmental education. Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your students. Apply today!

Please contact me if you have any questions about this opportunity .

Sincerely,

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Oswegatchie Educational Center
Fall 2015 Environmental & Leadership Development Program

Sponsored By NY AG Education and Outreach

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Funding Level: This is an 33% Grant Program. The total program cost is \$120 per student; the grant will cover 33% per student. The school or student is responsible for the remaining 66% equal to \$80 per student. This covers all meals, lodging, and programming costs. Transportation cost is not cover by this grant. This year we are offering 3 different dates in November.

Example of a 2 Night Grant Value:

True cost is \$120/student X 10 students = **\$1200**

33% paid by grant makes your cost \$80/student X 10 students = **\$800**

Your Savings with Grant is \$400!

Our 2015 Dates are:

November 2—4 Monday to Wednesday

November 4 – 6 Wednesday to Friday

November 11 - 13 Wednesday to Friday

**All Secondary Agricultural Science, Environmental / Conservation
CTE programs may apply!**

Meals and lodging are included. 100 spots available total!

Minimum of 10 students per school.

First Come First Serve, Plenty of Space available!

If you have questions, we encourage you to contact
Bill Waite at (315) 346-1222, or email wwaite@oswegatchie.org.

Program Objectives:

- Students will recognize basic concepts in wildlife, forestry, aquatic ecology, & land use..
- Students will practice skills used in NYS Envirothon & FFA Career Development Events
- Students will develop appreciation for our natural world.
- Students will practice valuable problem solving skills.
- Students will expand cooperation & teamwork while developing mutual support
- Students will increase awareness of Environmental and Agricultural post secondary education and career opportunities.

Eligibility: All Secondary Agricultural Science, Environmental / Conservation CTE programs are eligible for this opportunity!

Reservations due by Due Date: October 15th, 2015. Funds will be distribute on a first come first serve basis.

TO APPLY: Contact Bill Waite asap with the numbers you wish to bring. If you have any questions you may contact Bill Waite at (315) 346-1222, or email wwaite@oswegatchie.org.

RSVP by Email or call Bill Waite at

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What is the TEAM Challenge Ropes Course?

The TEAM Challenge Ropes Course at Oswegatchie is a tool used to enhance group development and personal growth through fun learning games, trust initiatives, and low & high ropes elements. An emphasis is placed on group success and enhancing self-confidence.

Team Challenge Goals

- Develop and improve upon valuable problem solving skills.
- Advance cooperation and team work.
- Increase and enrich communication.
- Place and better trust in others as well as self.
- Build upon personal and group desire to succeed and accomplish goals.
- To develop appreciation of and identification with our natural world.
- To have fun in a safe, "challenge by choice" environment!



Environmental Education Opportunities;

Situated on a 1200 acre expanse of land inside the Adirondack park, Oswegatchie provides the perfect environment for learning about our natural world. The property includes four bodies of water, various streams, wetlands, open fields, and woodlands for hiking, snowshoeing, and environmental education. With such immense surroundings to draw from, Oswegatchie is a great place to focus on the natural world.



Environmental Workshop Selections

- ⌘ Forestry
- ⌘ Soils and Land Use
- ⌘ Aquatic Ecology
- ⌘ Wildlife * Our 2015 Focus!
- ⌘ Trail Building
- ⌘ Snowshoe Ecology Exploration Hike
- ⌘ Canoeing/ Kayaking
- ⌘ Waterfall and Geology Exploration Hike



Welcome to the



Oswegatchie

EDUCATIONAL CENTER



A view of Long Pond.
One of the four ponds on
Oswegatchie's 1200 acres.



Sutliff is a modern lodge that can accommodate up to 80 guests. The sleeping accommodations include 10 individual rooms that contain 2-4 beds each, and two large dormitories that sleep 24 each.

The main floor contains the industrial kitchen, main room with a fireplace, and game room with recreational equipment.



Oswegatchie Educational Center
Environmental Science & Leadership Development
Program Sample Schedule

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Day One

4:00 PM- Arrival to Oswegatchie (time flexible)
4:30 PM- Welcome, Introductions & Overview of Program
5:00 PM- Dinner
6:00 PM- Large Group Ice Breakers and Challenges
7:30 PM- Bonfire and Reflections of the day
8:00 PM- Teachers take over supervision
11:00 PM- Lights Out

Day Two

8:00 AM- Breakfast
8:30 AM- Team Challenge Low Ropes Course
12:00 PM- Lunch
1:00 PM- High Ropes' at the Climbing Tower (Team focus on the 2 Person Vertical Playpen)
4:00 PM - Break
5:00 PM- Dinner
6:00 PM- Evening Program—Advanced Nocturnal Ecology
7:30 PM- Bonfire and Reflections of the day
8:00 PM- Teachers take over supervision
11:00 PM- Lights Out

Day Three

8:00 AM- Breakfast
8:30 AM- 2015 Environmental Focus on Wildlife & Adirondack Ecology!
- Oswegatchie is an ideal setting for the study of Wildlife. Instructors will cover species specific to the Adirondacks, and relating to factors that exist inside the “Blue Line.”
11:00 AM– Lodge Clean Up
12:00 PM- Lunch
12:30 PM- Lodge clean up and thank you letters
1:00 PM- Departure

NOTE: This schedule and curriculum is subject to change based on season of year and weather. The center will choose from the page above Environmental workshops will be presented. Guest Speakers are based on availability. Ropes Course activities will only take place when the course is free of snow.

Oswegatchie Educational Center

2015 Environmental & Leadership Development Program

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PROGRAM APPLICATION

Teacher Name:		Teaching Specialty:		
School Name:		County:		
Address:	City:	State: NY	Zip:	
Phone:	Email:			
Number of students you will bring to the program: (each type of program has a different minimum)				
What dates for ELP offerings do you wish to attend: (on Page 2)	Have you attended an Oswegatchie E.L.P program in the past? <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO </div> If yes, when was the last time you attended?			
Why do you wish to attend an Oswegatchie E.L.P program?				
<p>I understand that this is a 33% Grant Program. The . This covers all meals, lodging, and programming costs. Transportation cost is not cover by this grant. I will be responsible for the remaining \$80 per person for the Environmental Science and Leadership Training Program. I will either mail these funds ahead of time or provide full payment at registration. No refunds will be given for cancellations, and I will be responsible for full payment in the event that I do not show up. The schedule and curriculum are subject to change based on weather and season. Final workshop selections will be made from the list on page 4.</p>				
Teacher Signature _____				Date _____
Administrator Signature: _____				Date: _____
Return ASAP_to:		Oswegatchie Educational Center 9340 Long Pond Road Croghan, New York 13327 Or Email to: wwaite@oswegatchie.org		

