



6th Annual REAP Symposium

Dear Prospective Symposium Attendee,

We are writing to invite you to participate in the 6th Annual Research & Evaluation of Adventure Programs (REAP) Symposium, scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C. March 17– 19, 2010.

The purpose of the 2010 REAP Symposium, which is co-sponsored by the Association for Experiential Education and Project Adventure, is to:

- Inform participants of various funding opportunities and enhance funding potential by connecting participants with feedback from D.C. funding officials
- Encourage collaboration among presenters and participants
- Expand the context of adventure programming to show diversity in benefits

For AEE, which accredits adventure education programs and has a research arm (the Council on Research & Evaluation or CORE), the symposium also provides an ideal forum for us to scrutinize the standards and best practices on which its Accreditation Program process is based, as well as to focus and take action on CORE's annual agenda.

For Project Adventure, the symposium is a way to forward our mission of supporting and sustaining facility-based adventure programs. REAP helps us to increase our own understanding of research and evaluation, while helping our clients and the field to expand their knowledge.

The 2010 symposium will provide the opportunity to connect and collaborate with researchers, program evaluators and funding agencies to enhance your funding potential. You will benefit from attending this symposium if you are currently engaged in program evaluation or interested in learning about and enhancing funding opportunities for your program or concept in the adventure programming field.

We are also seeking individuals to present their current research findings, proposed research concepts or engaged adventure based programs. Benefits of presenting include the opportunity to expose your work to a broad audience that is heavily invested in the field; a forum to gain feedback from peers and representatives or various funding agencies; and contributing to the advancement of research and evaluation in the adventure programming field. [The Call for Proposals is up on the aee.org website.](http://www.aee.org)

We know finances will be tight for many of you. But we firmly believe that attendance at this symposium will allow you to better position your organization for financial sustainability. Relating your programs to evidence-based research and evaluation is increasingly important to all of us.

The symposium schedule will be finalized by early February. In the meantime, registration will be available at www.aee.org. If you have questions that cannot be answered by the documents posted online, please contact Danielle Stacey, danielle.stacey@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

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