

OUTDOOR RECREATION CONSORTIUM
March 20 – 26, 2011 (DRAFT)

Sunday, March 21

4:00 pm Arrive at GSMIT
5:00 pm Faculty Meeting in GSMIT Office (faculty only)
6:00 pm Dinner [Tremont staff introductions]
7:00 pm Icebreakers (Western Illinois University)
7:30 pm School Introductions

Monday, March 22

8:00 Breakfast [Tremont staff introductions]
8:30 Daily Orientation and Objectives (Gerard Kyle, TAMU)
8:45 State of the Park: Bob Miller, Chief Information Officer (GSMNP) @ GSMIT
10:00 Metcalf Bottoms: Mike Maslona, Resource Education Division (GSMNP)
11:00 Travel to Sugarlands Visitor Center (GSMNP)
12:00 Sack Lunch at Sugarlands & Explore Sugarlands (movie, exhibits, bookstore)
1:00 Leave for Newfound Gap: Appalachian Trail issues: Morgan Somerville, Appalachian Trail Conservancy & Roger Moore, NCSU
6:00 Dinner [Tremont staff introductions]
7:30 Evening Program: Black Bear Ecology in the Great Smoky Mountains with Carrie Lowe, University of Tennessee (Cove Room)

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 Breakfast [Tremont staff introductions]
8:30 Daily Orientation and Objectives (Katharine Pawelko, Western IL U)
8:40 Group Initiatives
9:20 Track Introductions and Group Initiatives (Track leaders)
9:45 Break

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

- 1. *White Man's Footprints: The Impact of Exotic Species* – Jeremy Lloyd, GSMIT**
- 2. Stream Ecology – Brian Ballenger, GSMIT**
- 3. Biodiversity Blitz – Jen Martin, GSMIT**

- 4. Geology Hike to the Falls – Tyson Wepprich, GSMIT
- 5. Salamander Project – Christina McCoy, GSMIT
- 6. Winter Tree & Spring Wildflower Identification – Mary Silver, GSMIT

- 12:30 Lunch [Tremont staff introductions]
- 1:00 Leave for Gatlinburg
- 1:45 Gatlinburg Issues@ Mynatt Park Shelter: [Marty Nicely, Gatlinburg Parks Department]
- 2:45 Gatlinburg: Economic Impact of Tourism/Visitors
- 4:45 Leave for Tremont
- 6:00 Dinner at Tremont [Tremont staff introductions]
- 7:00 Evening Program: Elk Reintroduction Program with Jennifer Murrow, University of Tennessee (Cove Room)

Wednesday, March 24

(7:00 Breakfast ONLY for those leaving early)

- 8:00 Breakfast [Tremont staff introductions]
- 8:30 Daily Orientation and Objectives (Mark Morgan, U. of MO)
- 8:45 Interest Tracks
 - Backcountry Management* – Gerard Kyle (TAMU)
 - Wildlife Management in the Great Smokies* – Alan Graefe (Penn State) & Hans Vogelsong (East Carolina U)
 - Historical & Cultural Preservation and Sustainable Tourism* – Katharine Pawelko (Western IL U.)
 - Visitor Center Evaluation* – Mark Morgan (U. of MO)
- 6:00 Dinner [Tremont staff introductions]
- 7:00 Evening Program: Appalachian Storytelling with Elizabeth Rose (Council House)

Thursday, March 25

- 8:00 Breakfast [Tremont staff introductions]
- 8:30 Daily Orientation and Objectives (Alan Graefe, Penn State)

All Day Option

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- 1. Old-Growth Forest Hike – Brian Ballenger, GSMIT**
- 2. Old-Growth Forest Hike – Josh Davis, GSMIT**
- 3. Old-Growth Forest Hike – Tyson Wepprich, GSMIT**

Morning Session Options

9:00-Noon (Concurrent Sessions)

- 1. The Role of the National Park Service Ranger – Helen McNutt, GSMNP**
- 2. Half-Day Hike: Signs of Spring – Mary Silver, GSMIT**
- 3. Half-day Hike: Survival Skills – Tesha Omeis & Adam Leiterman, GSMIT**

12:30 – Lunch

[Tremont staff introductions]

Afternoon Session Options

1:30 – 4:30 (Concurrent Sessions)

- 1. Half-Day Hike: Leave No Trace – Christina McCoy, GSMIT**
- 2. Half-Day Hike: Campsite Cleanup (Service Project) – Jeremy Lloyd, GSMIT**
- 3. Salamander Project – Tesha Omeis & Adam Leiterman, GSMIT**
- 4. Geology Hike to the Falls – Mary Silver, GSMIT**
- 5. Service Project – Ken Voorhis, GSMIT Executive Director**

6:00 Dinner

[Tremont staff introductions]

7:30 Evening Program: Old-Time Music with Lost Mill String Band (Council House)

Friday, March 26

8:00 Breakfast at Tremont

[Tremont staff introductions]

8:30 Daily Orientation and Objectives

(Hans Vogelsong, East Carolina U.)

Morning Session Options

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Concurrent Sessions)

- 1. Fire Management in the National Park – Rob Klein, Fire Ecologist, NPS**
 - 2. Managing a Residential Environmental Learning Center – Ken Voorhis, GSMIT Executive Director**
- 3. Citizen Science in Your Park – Tyson Wepprich**
 - 4. Stream Survey – Adam Leiterman, GSMIT**
 - 5. Natural Resource Inventory & Nature Trail Design – Mary Silver, GSMIT**
 - 6. Winter Tree & Spring Wildflower Identification – Tesha Omeis & Christina McCoy, GSMIT**

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Concurrent Sessions)

1. Fire Management in the National Park – Rob Klein, Fire Ecologist, NPS

2. Naturalist Skills – Ken Voorhis, GSMIT Executive Director

3. Citizen Science in Your Park – Tyson Weprich, GSMIT

4. Stream Survey – Adam Leiterman, GSMIT

5. Natural Resource Inventory & Nature Trail Design – Mary Silver, GSMIT

6. Winter Tree & Spring Wildflower Identification – Tesha Omeis & Christina McCoy, GSMIT

12:30 Lunch

[Tremont staff introductions]

1:30 Case Study Presentations

3:00 Group Photos

3:30 Faculty Meeting in GSMIT Office Bldg.

4:00 Free time

6:00 Cookout – Pavilion

[Tremont staff introductions]

7:30 Awards Ceremony

8:00 Evening Program: Folk Dancing with Bob Grimac (Pavilion)

Saturday, March 27

6:00 Clean Up and Pack

7:00 Breakfast

7:30 Depart for Home

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND FACULTY

East Carolina University - Hans Vogel song, PhD

North Carolina State University - Roger Moore, PhD

Penn State University- Alan Graefe, PhD

University of Missouri-Columbia - Mark Morgan, PhD

Western Illinois University - Katharine Pawelko, PhD

Texas A&M University – Gerard Kyle, PhD