

"A Gathering of Peace and Water for our World"

The Ripple Effect

Our Vision is to awaken, inspire, and strengthen the bonds of peace within our community, and to create a ripple effect that touches our global community.

Our Mission is to create a community of learners who educate each other about peace and advocate stewardship of our environment, and its unique interconnectedness to all life forms through an annual peace gathering. The 2007 focus is WATER.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm _____ Peace Fire Circle, North of P.E. Building

Sacred Fire Ceremony: Connecting Water and Fire

Presenters : Bruce Hardwick, Firekeeper, Rapid River, Michigan
Duane Kinnart, Songkeeper, Gladstone, Michigan
Other Invited Elders

Thursday, June 21, 2007

8:30 am – 9:00 am _____ Alumni Hall

Registration

9:00 am – 9:30 am _____ Alumni Hall

Reading of Values and Belief Systems of NEIU

Welcome: Murrell J. H. Duster, Dean, Academic Development/Diversity and Multicultural Programs, NEIU
Janet Fredericks, Dean, Graduate College, NEIU

Opening Ceremony: Shared Wisdom

Presenters: Osahmin Judy Meister, Elder of the Miniss Kitigan Drum (MKD) of the Ojibway
Dr. Natsadorj, Khamba Lama, Mongolian Traditional Medical Training Center, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Other Invited Elders

9:30 am – 10:15 am _____ Alumni Hall

Listening to the Children's Voices

Presenters: Pat Cleveland, Coordinator, Dewey Elementary School Roots and Shoots Program, Jane Goodall Foundation, Chicago
Students, The Roots and Shoots Peaceweavers, Dewey Elementary School, Evanston, Illinois

10:15 am – 11:00 am _____ Alumni Hall

Dreaming of the Confluence: Uniting the Human Spirit with the Water's Edge

Presenters: Deb Perryman, Illinois Teacher of the Year, 2004-2005, Elgin High School, Elgin featured in PBS Miniseries "Eden's Lost and Found"
Students, Elgin High School

11:00 am – 11:15 am _____ BREAK

11:15 am – Noon _____ Alumni Hall

Importance of Healing the Water

Presenter: Dr. Natsadorj, Khamba Lama, Mongolian Traditional Medical Training Center, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Noon – 1:00 pm _____ BREAK

1:00 pm -2:30 pm _____ Alumni Hall

Solstice Clan Boats Building

Presenter: Osahmin Judy Meister, Elder of the Miniss Kitigan Drum (MKD) of the Ojibway

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm _____ Alumni Hall

A Video Presentation and Discussion: *Inconvenient Truth*

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm _____ Alumni Hall

Rain Water: Liquid Asset or Pesky Problem

Presenter: Deb Shore, Commissioner, Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm _____ Alumni Hall

The Hidden Gem in Chicago

Presenter: Rory Donnelly, Volunteer, Friends of the Chicago River

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm _____ Alumni Hall

Launching the Solstice Boats into the Chicago River

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm _____ Alumni Hall

A Video Presentation and Discussion: *Altered Oceans*

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm _____ BREAK

7:00 pm – 7:45 pm _____ Alumni Hall

The Great Lakes Initiative

Musical

Interlude: Gerald Chaney, Student, NEIU

Presenter: Judy Beck, Regional Team Manager, Great Lakes Water Initiative for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

8:00 pm – 8:45 pm _____ Alumni Hall

The Water of Life

Introduction: Murrell J. H. Duster, Dean, Academic Development/Diversity and Multicultural Programs, NEIU

Keynote: Bill Kurtis, Emmy Award Winning Television Producer and Journalist

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm _____ Location

Sacred Peace Fire at the Peace Fire Circle

Fire Keeper: Bruce Hardwick, Firekeeper, Rapid River, Michigan
Song Keeper: Duane Kinnart, Songkeeper, Gladstone, Michigan
Other Invited Elders

Friday, June 22, 2007

9:00 am – Noon _____ Alumni Hall

Planning for the March 2008 Peace Conference

Everyone is welcome to join in a brainstorming session to begin planning the Peace and Water Conference for March, 2008.

Parking Information:

NEIU Courtesy Parking, 4th Floor Parking Garage. Use campus entrance located at 3701 West Bryn Mawr Avenue.

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn North Shore
5300 W. Touhy Avenue
Skokie, Illinois 60077
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For Special Room Rates call the Sales Department and mention the Water Conference.

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