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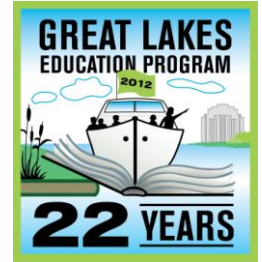
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To: Great Lakes Education Program Teachers

From: Steve Stewart, Senior District Extension Sea Grant Educator

Re: Great Lakes Education Program – Spring 2012



Now is the time to register for the Spring 2012 season of the award-winning Great Lakes Education Program (GLEP).

Focused on the fourth grade, the Great Lakes Education Program has been offering excellence in schoolship education for **twenty-one years**. We have helped **more than 87,000** students and adults discover the wonders of our Great Lakes by having them participate in our **three-phase program**, which includes teacher training for those new to the program, a classroom curriculum, and an unforgettable day on the lower Detroit River. And the GLEP is one of the few available field-based educational opportunities that is **backed by university research**, which conclusively demonstrated the gain in knowledge achieved by participants.

What do your fellow teachers think of the GLEP? Those who participated in 2011 gave GLEP a **3.91 GPA (on a 1-4 scale)** in terms of overall program quality, and had the following to say: "The Great Lakes Education Program was the best hands-on science my students have every participated in. It is a wonderful program."; "Parents commented that this was the best, most educational field trip that they've ever been on."; and "Your lessons matched many of our MEAP objectives, and your efforts have had an impact on my students that will last a lifetime." Evaluations also showed that **95%** of the participating teachers rated GLEP as "better" or "much better" than other field trips they have taken, and **95%** also said that the program was "excellent" or "good" in assisting them to meet state teaching standards.

The normal GLEP cost per class is \$630. This Fall we are again able to offer scholarships for participating classes, as follows:

- **ALL Elementary classes** will receive **\$330 SCHOLARSHIPS** provided by MSU Extension and the Michigan Sea Grant College Program, reducing the net cost/class to **\$300**.
- **ALL Middle and High School classes** will receive **\$130 SCHOLARSHIPS** provided by MSU Extension and the Michigan Sea Grant College Program, reducing the net cost/class to **\$500**.
- There is no limit on how many classes from your school may participate and receive these scholarships.
- **DPS classes only: The first 20 Elementary classes to register** will also receive \$200 supplemental scholarships, reducing the net cost/class to \$100, as well as **free bus transportation** provided by the Toyota H2O Water Quality Initiative. Classes must register in pairs from the same school, however! No single classes.

Hands-on, multidisciplinary learning. A solid record of success. Demonstrated educational effectiveness. An excellent 3.91 GPA from participating teachers. Quite a value for the equivalent of no more than \$10 per student (\$300/class), and possibly as little as \$3 per student (\$100/class). **But act now, as scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.**

To register, simply complete and return the enclosed Reservation Form. To learn more, check out the GLEP website at www.glep.us for program information. Want to speak to someone who can tell you more about how your teachers and students can participate this spring? Call 586-466-8700.