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Interpretation: The Basics and Beyond

May 13th-16th 2019

McCormick's Creek State Park

(CIG Classes begin May 12th)



“Interpretation is the revelation of a larger truth that lies behind any statement of fact.
~Freeman Tilden (1883-1980)

If you lead or manage an interpretive program, this may be one of the best investments of time and training for you or your staff. For over 25 years, this workshop has provided the best in practical training experience for Indiana's state park and forest interpretive naturalists. As well, many interpreters from other agencies attend this workshop and opt to achieve the National Association for Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide Training (CIG.) Plan to join us or send your staff – you won't be disappointed!

What Participants Say About This Training

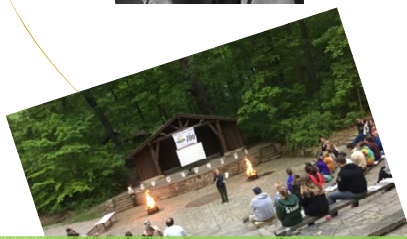
“This workshop was well worth my time. It was educational and enjoyable.”

“It was fabulous! The days were full and long, but every moment was worthwhile!”

“Exceeded my expectations; was lots of fun; met a lot of wonderful people!”

“Lots of hard work, but also lots of fun. It was great to see so many people with this great passion for life, both our lives and life in a general sense!”

“The best and most professional training session yet in my experience!”



Is This Training Session Right for You and Your Staff?

This session is designed for:

- Seasonal naturalists, full time interpreters and other outdoor educators
- Managers and site administrators who supervise and evaluate interpreters
- Volunteers who present programs and staff nature centers, interpretive centers, zoos and museums



What Does the Session Include?

The core elements of the training session are listed below. See the reverse side for last year's schedule-at-a-glance, and the training objectives.

- Basics of established interpretive theory and practice
 - Practical experience in presenting talks and hikes
 - Opportunities for networking and idea exchanges
 - Option to become a National Association for Interpretation CIG (Certified Interpretive Guide)

Who Are the Instructors?

The Chief of Interpretation (Certified Interpretive Trainer) and the Interpretive Naturalists for the Divisions of State Parks. Together, they represent over 100 years of experience in the interpretive profession.

Location, Meals and Lodging

The workshop is held at scenic McCormick's Creek State Park near Spencer, Indiana. **Classes, meals and snacks are included in the registration cost.** NOTE: Lodging available at the Canyon Inn for additional cost.

Who? What? Where?

Workshop Schedule at a Glance

Sunday

1:00 PM CIG Classes Begin
CIG Students begin working on Core elements, text book and Exam work

Monday

8:00 AM CIG classes continue
12:30 PM Regular Registration begins
1:00 PM Training Session begins

- Introductions and orientation
- Setting the stage for training
- History of Interpretation
- Campfire program basics

Tuesday

- Birding before breakfast (optional)
- Elements of a good inter program
- Organizing your program
- Interpretive field hikes
- Model talk demonstrations
- Planning for your sample program
- Night hikes

Wednesday

- Early Morning programming
- Talk presentations
- Travel to Nature Center via bus
- Interp Center management
- Caring for live animals
- How to Lead a Hike
- Model program
- Group Photo
- Awards Dinner
- Keynote speaker
- Music and Networking



Thursday

- Breakfast and Check out
- Announcements
- Hike presentations
- Publicity and roving
- Making your summer count
- Training Evaluations
- 12:00PM non-CIG students finished
- 1:00PM CIG students final presentations
- 3:30PM (approx) CIG students finished

A glimpse at last year's schedule!
Final schedule may differ.

Training Objectives

- Teach interpretive techniques needed to present natural/cultural history information using a variety of media (programs, bulletin boards, schedules, exhibits, roving, etc.).
- Provide natural and cultural history learning opportunities.
- Develop an understanding of the interpreter's role as a member of a site team and build a sense of community and connection between interpretive staff from different locations.
- Inspire interpreters to achieve excellence in their programs and related work.
- Provide an option for completing the NAI Certified Interpretive Guide program (for more information on CIG training, please visit: www.interpnet.com and click on "Certification and Training"

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Registration

The registration deadline is May 3, 2019. Space is limited, so class may fill before the deadline! Complete one registration form for each individual attending the workshop. Registration includes training materials, buffet meals - lodging in the Canyon Inn is extra. For additional info, questions, or to register, call or email:

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Agency: _____
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City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Food Preference:

Omnivore: __ Vegetarian: __ Vegan: __
Allergies: _____

Registration Options:

_ \$150.00 DNR Employee, Training plus CIG
_ \$230.00 Non-DNR Employee, Training only
_ \$380.00 Non-DNR Employee, Training plus CIG

Lodging Available for Additional Cost

(Contact Angie Manuel for prices and details.)

***If you are interested in the CIG course, be sure to e-mail Angie PRIOR to making your payment!**