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Upcoming Programs

SURE (Sustainable Use of Renewable Energy) 2012, Session 1: Introduction to Diversification of Energy Sources

February 8, 2012 / Session 1: Milton Room, Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University

Join us for a series of live, interactive workshops focused on renewable energy resources and green management practices! The program begins February 8 and will continue throughout the spring on a bi-weekly basis from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Register now at: www.esf.edu/outreach/sure/

ESF/Syracuse City School District Environmental Challenge

March 14, 2012 / ESF Campus & SU Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY

Please consider volunteering as a judge for this middle school science fair and career exploration event! It's easy and FUN, and you will receive training, breakfast, and lunch. Help create a great experience for scientists in the making! For more information or to sign up as a judge, please contact Brandon Murphy:

bmurphy@esf.edu, 315-470-6979. Also visit the Challenge website: www.esf.edu/outreach/k12/sciencefair/default.htm

10th Annual NYS Green Building Conference

March 29 – 30, 2012 / The Oncenter, Syracuse, NY

This conference provides a forum for focused discussion of green building science, research and development, best practices, and operation and maintenance, as well as an opportunity to network with other green building professionals, advocates, and experts. We are excited to announce **Dr. Paul Anastas** and **Dan Phillips** as keynote speakers for this year's event! Dr. Anastas is known as the "Father of Green Chemistry," and has been recognized nationally and internationally for his many contributions to science and the environment, as well as for his innovative research on the design, manufacturing, and use of minimally toxic, environmentally friendly chemicals. Mr. Phillips is a Texas-based designer and builder whose creative work embodies environment, social, and economic passion. Together with his wife, he founded The Phoenix Commotion, a construction company that builds affordable houses for single parents, artists, and low-income families using reclaimed and recycled materials. Be sure to check out his [TED Talk](#). Please join us at this milestone conference event, which

promises to be our largest and most exciting Green Building Conference yet! Early registration has been extended to February 29th. **Register now at** www.nysgreenbuilding.org

Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium

April 1 - 3, 2012 / Otesaga Resort and Conference Center, Cooperstown, NY

Register now to join recreation and travel resource managers and researchers throughout North America at this unique forum. Students and others interested in recreation and travel resource management are welcome.

Register now at: www.esf.edu/nerr/

NYS Geographic Information Systems Conference

May 15 – 16, 2012 / The Oncenter, Syracuse, NY

We are excited to announce that **Jeff Howe**, contributing editor at Wired Magazine and Associate Professor at Northeastern University, will be a keynote speaker at this year's conference! In 2006 Professor Howe published "The Rise of Crowdsourcing" in Wired, and in 2008 he published the book *Crowdsourcing: How the Power of Crowds is Driving the Future of Business*. He continues to provide insight and expertise on the subject through his blog, crowdsourcing.com. For more information on this exciting conference, visit: www.esf.edu/nysgisconf/

Biotechnology Symposium: Open for Business!

May 21 – 22, 2012 / The Oncenter, Syracuse, NY

Save the date for this exciting symposium, which fosters the exchange of ideas among industry representatives and scientists, academics and students, and other professionals in the biotechnology industry; and works to develop synergies and relationships to advance the field. The event will include topics related to bioenergy, bioremediation, agricultural biotechnology, steps to success for small businesses, drug discovery, and biopharmaceuticals. For more information, visit: www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2012/biotechnology/

12th Annual American Ecological Engineering Society Meeting: Coupling Natural and Human Systems

June 7 - 9, 2012 / Syracuse, NY

This meeting provides a forum for engineers, landscape architects, environmental scientists, natural resource managers, planners, and other professionals and students to share ideas, information, and experiences. For more information visit: www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2012/aees/

Learn more about these and other ESF Outreach programs at: www.esf.edu/outreach/

Items of Interest to our Outreach Friends & Colleagues

ESF in the High School program featured in local news

The New Vision Animal and Environmental Science class, offered at Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Boces in partnership with the **ESF in the High School** program, gives students the opportunity to gain college credit while engaging in experiential science education. Classes are often conducted at Beaver Lake Nature Center, and ESF faculty and staff frequently participate as guest lecturers. For instance, Brandon Murphy, Project Coordinator at ESF Outreach, recently led the students in a field-based lesson on how to inventory plant communities. In January, this program was featured in several local newspapers. For the full story click [here](#).

Summer Session offers wide selection of courses in 2012

Registration for Summer Session goes live Monday, February 20th! Visit the [Summer Session webpage](#) to view currently listed courses, and plan now to join us in the classroom, online, or in the field! Details at:

<http://www.esf.edu/outreach/summer/>

For a complete calendar of ESF Outreach events, visit: www.esf.edu/outreach/calendar.asp

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