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What time is it? You mean now?
-Yogi Berra

Whatever inspiration (or consternation) you take from baseball’s sage, for all of us looking forward to the New York State Green Building Conference, the time is NOW!

Take advantage of reduced online registration by this Friday, March 6th – after this registration is on-site.

The Zero Energy Ready Home Training pre-conference workshop is Wednesday, March 11th (led by Sam Rashkin, Chief Architect, U.S. Department of Energy Building Technologies Office, and Kevin Stack, Founder, CEO at Northeast Natural Homes, Inc.).

In addition to outstanding workshops and networking breaks, lunches and receptions Thursday and Friday, March 12 – 13th, we’re all looking forward to the 360 Performance: From Design to Day-to-Day keynote presented by Rick Fedrizzi, CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and CEO of the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), along with Scot Horst, Chief Product Officer, United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and Chris Pyke, Chief Operating Officer for Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB).

We are honored to have Chief Oren Lyons, Turtle Clan, Onondaga Nation Faithkeeper, join us for a keynote presentation. Among his honors and recognition, Chief Lyons has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Syracuse University. He has been the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the National Audubon Society’s Audubon Medal, the Earth Day International Award of the United Nations, and the Elder and Wiser Award of the Rosa Parks Institute for Human Rights. He serves on the board of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

Register now.

Now’s the time for ESF students (as well as students from other campuses and lifelong learners) to confirm plans to take Summer Semester courses. Registration is continuing for online, field experience, and on-campus courses. Think Summer - Think ESF!
On behalf of our dedicated colleagues at the MOST (Museum of Science and Technology), please volunteer to judge projects at the Central New York Science and Engineering Fair (CNYSEF) on Sunday, March 22, 2015. See below for details...

Nature Conservancy’s Leaders in Environmental Action for the Future (LEAF) Program is currently recruiting summer Mentors to work with urban high school interns this summer, and we need your help to find talented and dedicated staff to join the movement to engage and employ the next generation of conservationists! See below for details...

Think Spring!

Chuck Spuches
Associate Provost for Outreach

Register Now!

**Green Building Pre-Conference Workshop: Zero Energy Ready Home Training**
*March 11th*, SUNY-ESF Gateway Center. [Register online](#).

**New York State Green Building Conference**
*March 12th - 13th*, Liverpool, NY. [Register online](#)

**Certified Production Technician: Safety**
*March 16th - April 1st*, Online. [Register online](#)

**SPARE: Solar Power As Renewable Energy Basic Course**
*March 16th - 19th*, Syracuse. [Register online](#)

**Future of UV/EB Webinar: Sustaining Energy Savings in a Manufacturing Facility**
*2:00 PM March 18th*, Online. [Register online](#)

**Certified Production Technician: Quality Practices and Measurement**
*April 2nd - 17th*, Online. [Register online](#)

**27th Annual Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium**
*April 12th - 16th*, Annapolis, MD. [Register online](#)

**SPARE: Solar Power As Renewable Energy Commercial Course**
*April 16th*, Syracuse. [Register online](#)

**Advanced Manufacturing -Thermal and Environmental Controls Foundational Competencies**
*April 16th & 23rd*, MACNY. [Register online](#)

**Certified Production Technician: Manufacturing Processes and Production**
*April 20th - May 6th*, Online. [Register online](#)

**New York Forest Owners Association Symposium**
*April 25th*, SUNY-ESF Gateway Center. [Register online](#)

**ESF Summer Semester**
*May 11th - August 7th*. [More information online](#)

**New York State Biotechnology Symposium**
*May 12th - 13th*, Brookhaven National Laboratory. [Register online](#)
Save the Date

**Dale L. Travis Lecture: FDR, ESF, NPS at the Roosevelt Estate**
7:30 p.m. March 25th, Gateway Center.

**Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century**
April 17th, The Links, East Syracuse.

**SUNY-ESF & Syracuse City School District Environmental Challenge**
May 19th, Carrier Dome & SUNY-ESF Campus.

**Environmental Summit Research Symposium**
May 28th, SUNY-ESF Campus.

**Central New York Science and Engineering Fair**
Please consider volunteering to judge projects at the Central New York Science and Engineering Fair (CNYSEF) on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the SRC Arena (Onondaga Community College). Students from Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego counties will compete in two divisions, the junior fair for 4th-8th graders and the senior fair for 9th-12th graders.

Judges don’t need to be experts in science to listen as the students demonstrate how much they have learned and accomplished. A continental breakfast, lunch and training will be provided for the judges and volunteers. [Those interested in serving as judges or volunteers can apply online.](mailto:volunteer@most.org)

If you have registered with the MOST online in the past, you do not have to register again. Send an e-mail to volunteer@most.org or call (315) 425-9068 x2145 indicating what science fair assignment you would like (junior judge, senior judge, special awards judge, volunteer).

For more information, contact the CNYSEF Director at CNYSEF@most.org. Please pass this request on to your colleagues. I apologize if you receive more than one solicitation.

The encouragement and interest shown by volunteers and judges is an essential part of the student’s science fair experience. Help inspire our future generation of engineers and scientists.

Thank you!
Chuck

**Summer Jobs at The Nature Conservancy**
The Nature Conservancy’s Leaders in Environmental Action for the Future (LEAF) Program is currently recruiting summer Mentors to work with urban high school interns this summer, and we need your help to find talented and dedicated staff to join the movement to engage and employ the next generation of conservationists!

The Mentor position is a GREAT residential paid summer job opportunity for a teacher or other youth development professional with a passion for the outdoors and positive youth development. The position runs from late June through the end of July and consists of living, working, and recreating on one or more nature preserves located in 30 states across the country.

The LEAF program provides paid, residential summer jobs in conservation for urban high school students attending environmental high schools. We are now working coast to coast, with partner high schools in 11 cities and sending teams to work, live, and play in over 25 states across the country.

The mentor oversees a three or four person team of high school youth (or a team of 6 with a co-mentor)- chaperoning and guiding the team during the whole month. While the primary duty is
mentoring the students and ensuring they are getting the most out of the experience, mentors are also expected join the students in every aspect of their conservation work, which can include outdoor physical labor such as clearing trails, shellfish restoration, and planting seedlings. On the weekend the team engages in outdoor adventures such as kayaking or horseback riding. The mentor will also take the students on three college visits during the month. Mentors will be sent to any of over 30 partner states, from Maine to Florida to Idaho. The main qualifications we are looking for are a minimum of 2 years of experience working with high school youth (preferably urban) OR 9 months experience leading residential wilderness trips for high school students OR an equivalent combination of the two, experience with outdoor work or physical labor, a valid driver’s license and enthusiasm.

The salary for the month (plus the 5 day residential training) is $4300. All additional expenses are paid for, including food, lodging, travel and recreation. The full details of the job description are at the link below, and feel free to have interested parties contact Desiree Herrera dherrera@tnc.org if they have any questions about the position. Technical questions about applying can be directed to applyhelp@tnc.org. Please note that we cannot accept applications or resumes via email. Also please note applications will be evaluated and positions filled on a rolling basis.

To apply, please go to www.nature.org/careers, scroll down and click on “Search Careers” then enter “42762” in the “Keywords” box.

To read more info on the program please visit the LEAF program online. You can also watch a national CBS news segment on the program.

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