CEES has three core missions: research, education outreach, and environmental stewardship.

The research done at CEES is applied (i.e. it has practical application - it is not strictly theoretical) and focuses on water quality issues.

Education outreach involves bringing STEM activities/environmental education programs (at no charge) to middle school and high school students using the Center’s mobile STEM lab. The Center also does outreach directed towards the general public at fairs and festivals and other events.

Environmental stewardship occurs through the Center’s Service Learning program.

CEES is a grant-funded center. In other words, the main work of the Center is made possible predominantly through grants, donations, and other charitable gifts. University funding is minimal.

Education and community service
Environmental Service Learning:

Education & Community Service

Providing opportunities for environmental stewardship and experiential learning.

Engaging in dialog about environmental issues.

Introducing regional natural areas.

Introducing groups that maintain these areas.

Introducing issues to stimulate changes in behavior as well as critical thinking about humanity’s role as an agent of change.

Restoring and improving of natural areas.

Mitigating and preventing pollution.

Building a sense of community.

The idea is that the Service Learning program provides opportunities for all of the above.
How to Sign Up: go to https://cees.iupui.edu

From the Service Learning menu, select the Events for the current semester.
Pay attention to the date that registration opens.

Once you have chosen a project from the Events page, select Register for an event.
Register for a Service Learning Event

Spring 2018 Events: Projects are not yet OPEN.

If you want to attend an event that has closed, select "waitlist" (under the Project menu) and select a project from the Waitlist menu. You will be notified if space becomes available.

Please only register for one event UNLESS you have special circumstances that allow you to register for additional events (multiple classes, class requires more than one event, or enrolled in G199). The site will allow you to enroll in multiple projects if you have special circumstances; just sign up for each event separately.

Additional projects may be added during the course of the semester: check the project page occasionally for updates. If additional events are added, instructors of participating courses will be notified.

You may not register for a friend. Terms and Conditions do apply. You will be asked to read the Assumption of Risk and Photo Release, give authorization and provide an electronic signature at the end of the registration page.

The information being collected in this registration form will be used for internal purposes only. We ask that you provide as much information as possible so that we may better understand and create a program that is more inclusive and effective for everyone, regardless of age, race/ethnicity, or gender.

You will receive an email confirmation for each registration. If you do not receive an email, you likely have entered your email incorrectly or it went to your junk mail folder. Please check this before contacting us.**

Additional projects may be added as needed. Check the Events page occasionally for additions.

Please make sure your email address is correct!
Online Project Confirmation

Once you have successfully registered, you will receive an email confirmation that looks something like this.

You have registered for a service learning event. PLEASE READ THIS MESSAGE CAREFULLY

Provided (1) you have not chosen "waitlist", (2) you have registered at least 7 days before the event; and, (3) you are among the first 25 registrants, you will be added to the service learning registration list.

If you are wondering if you are among the first 30 registrants, check the confirmation page to see how many students registered for the same event before you. We make our best effort to close registration when the event fills and to accommodate everyone who has registered if there are more than 30 registrants; however, we cannot guarantee you a spot if an event is substantially overbooked.

In the case you cannot be accommodated, we will notify you as soon as we discover the overbooking (usually within a couple of days of your registration). No news is good news!

If you signed up for "waitlist", you will be notified if a space becomes available for an existing event or new events are added.

Information for each project can be found on the individual project page. Please investigate this page for resources, directions and any other necessary information.

Events are subject to change due to weather. Cancellations are made in advance as soon as possible and always by 7am of the day of the event, with the exception of poorly predicted rapidly changing conditions. We advise you to check our website and the email address that you provided prior to leaving the house the day of the event.

If you have questions, please email cees@iupui.edu. You should receive a reply within 48 hrs. (usually sooner) M-F.

If you do not receive a confirmation notice, you probably made an error when entering your email address.

Please make sure that you enter your email address correctly!

Standard “boilerplate” – specifics do not apply to all projects.

Example: 25 is not the set number of participants in all projects; some projects accommodate more people, some less.

To avoid overbooking, projects are “closed” before they are completely filled.

Wait listing is used to fill projects to capacity.

If your 1st choice project is closed, register for your 2nd choice under the project menu - and also register for your 1st choice under the waitlist menu. If there is space available, you will be added to your 1st choice project.
Additional Information

Participants are taken on a first come first serve basis, so please sign up in advance – projects do fill up!

Submit online registration information ONLY once.

- If you make a mistake, email cees@iupui.edu with corrections.

If you need to cancel, do so in advance via email at cees@iupui.edu and reschedule.

- If you do not contact us and do not show up for your scheduled project, you can lose your place for other service learning projects.
The Week of the Project

You will receive a reminder email with details about the event.

Map and driving directions.

Copy of the Assumption of Risk waiver.

You cannot participate without this waiver.

Minors must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

The waiver is also a photo release. If you do not want to be photographed, please let the Service Learning Project Leader know when you arrive for the event.

Reminder is typically sent out on Tuesday of project week.
Project Day

You must complete the entire work day (3.5 – 4 hours) to receive credit.

- reflective essay & surveys

**Project cancellations** will be posted 24 hours before the start of a work day (when possible): check Events, Confirmation Pages, Facebook, your email.

- event is automatically moved to the rain date (usually the following **Sunday**)
- **time may change** – watch your email

A time change is likely if there were events are scheduled for BOTH Friday and Saturday.
What Does CEES Provide?

- **Water** (½ L bottle per person) – no longer! *
  
  You may bring more water.
  
  You may wish to bring a thermos with a warm beverage.

- **snack** (of the granola bar variety)
  
  You may want to bring more food.

- **tools & gloves**

  CEES will provide all tools necessary to do the work. This includes loppers (for honeysuckle removal), trash bags & trash tongs for trash removal, clip boards, writing implements, etc. CEES will also provide work gloves. You may bring your own tools and gloves, but they are your responsibility. Tools that have a cutting surface that is always exposed (i.e. hand saws, chain saws) are not permitted.

*To reduce plastic use/pollution, CEES will bring large containers of water from which students can fill their own reusable water bottles.
What to Wear:

Required:

- long pants and close-toed, close-heeled shoes
  - denim = good; knits = bad
  - In cold weather, avoid tight fitting pants

- footwear
  - full coverage and ankle protection
  - boots (mud, hiking, snow) are generally a good idea
  - thin-soled shoes . . . not good

Suggestions:

- dress in layers in cold weather
- long sleeves = more protection
  - warm weather - thorns, biting insects
- sun protection
- insect repellant

Proper footwear is very important: keep your feet dry; protect against dangers such as broken glass, sharp metal.

Open-toed or open-heeled footwear, such as sandals or flip-flops, is not appropriate; students without appropriate footwear will not be allowed to participate.

Dress for protection against thorns, poison ivy, etc.

Wear clothing that can be easily washed.

They will make you feel colder.

Sun protection includes eyes and head, as well as neck, arms, and shoulders.

Poison Ivy – a plant to be avoided!
Be mindful of your surroundings . . . .

Nature is not clickable . . . .

Misapplication of excessive attention to electronic devices can result in miscalculations and misfortunate mistakes that – with mischievous misadventure – compound miserable mishaps and foment misgivings as relates to missed opportunities to enjoy the miseenscene and other interesting miscellany in the natural world.

Please: don’t text and nature . . . .

. . . . and no step on snek.
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