



2017 EENC Conference Registration Packet

Join us for the 2017 Environmental Educators of North Carolina (EENC) conference at the spectacular Agapé Camp and Conference Center in Harnett County from Friday, September 29th to Sunday, October 1st. Enjoy a weekend full of professional development, networking, learning, and field experiences that will help you expand your knowledge of EE efforts and resources in the state and beyond.

To learn more about Agape, visit their website at <http://www.agapekurebeach.org/sites/agape.html>

You can find details below about registration, lodging, field trips, and workshops. **Early Bird registration will end on Monday, July 17, 2017.** Online registration ends Friday, September 8, 2017.

EENC membership is not required to attend the conference, but is encouraged. Current EENC members receive a \$20 discount on conference registration fees. With our new website, <http://www.eenc.org>, you can check your membership status and update if needed. Your membership is listed under the email you used in the past for EENC. If you haven't already done so you may be prompted to create a password when you register for the conference.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be made in writing by Friday, September 1, 2017 to Registration Co-Chair Shannon Culpepper at eencpreselect@gmail.com. Cancellations made before this date will receive a full refund minus a \$20 processing fee. No refunds will be made after September 1, though substitutions will be permitted.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

See you in September!
Jonathan Marchal, EENC President

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Conference Rates

Early Bird registration will end on Monday, July 17, 2017.

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>After July 17th</u>
Full Conference	\$160	\$180

Includes all concurrent sessions, keynote speakers on Friday and Saturday, Research Symposium and 6 meals- Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and Awards Banquet; Sunday- breakfast and lunch.

Commuter Rate Saturday & Sunday	\$115	\$125
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Includes concurrent sessions and 4 meals- Saturday and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Daily Rate Saturday Only	\$75	\$85
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Includes concurrent sessions on Saturday and 2 meals- breakfast and lunch.

Daily Rate Sunday Only	\$50	\$60
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Includes concurrent sessions on Sunday and 2 meals- breakfast and lunch.

Awards Banquet

The awards banquet will be held on Saturday night on-site at Agapé and will include the awards and live auction. Proceeds from the auction go strictly toward scholarships for future EENC events. It will also include the Research Symposium Poster Session and cocktail hour.

The full conference registration includes one ticket to the banquet. If you select a commuter option or would like to invite a guest, additional banquet tickets are \$25.00 each.

Research Symposium

We will be hosting the 4th annual EENC Research Symposium during the conference. The Research Symposium is a forum for educators and researchers to share recent and on-going action and/or traditional research related to environmental education, including methods and results. We are interested in sharing not only what researchers are finding, but also on how this can be applied to practitioners. This is a great opportunity for those interested in environmental education research to meet, share ideas, and collaborate.

The poster reception will take place Saturday evening during a cocktail hour before the awards banquet. The presentation session will be on Sunday, October 1st.

Lodging Rates

All lodging options are for three nights- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If you come on Thursday night, no dinner will be provided onsite. Breakfast and lunch on Friday are included.

Pictures of lodging options can be found at
<http://www.agapekurebeach.org/sites/agape.html>

There are a variety of lodging options available, described below. On the registration form you will be able to indicate your roommate (if known) or request one.

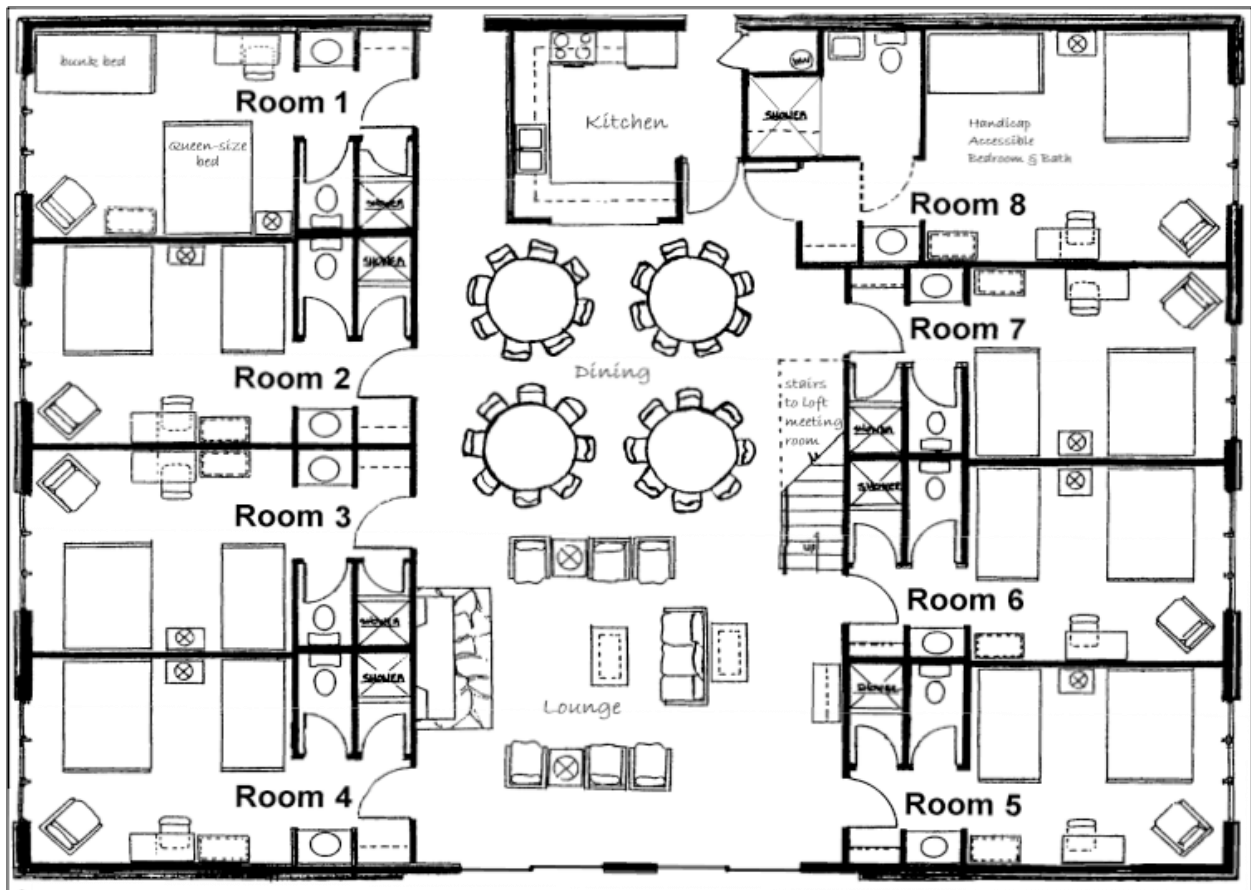
Retreat House:

Motel like facility with eight bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. All linens provided. Each room has one queen size bed and one bunk bed, so room options are available for either 2 or 3 people per room. There is a kitchen, dining area, lounge, and meeting loft.

Double: \$90 per person

Triple: \$70 per person

Retreat House Layout:



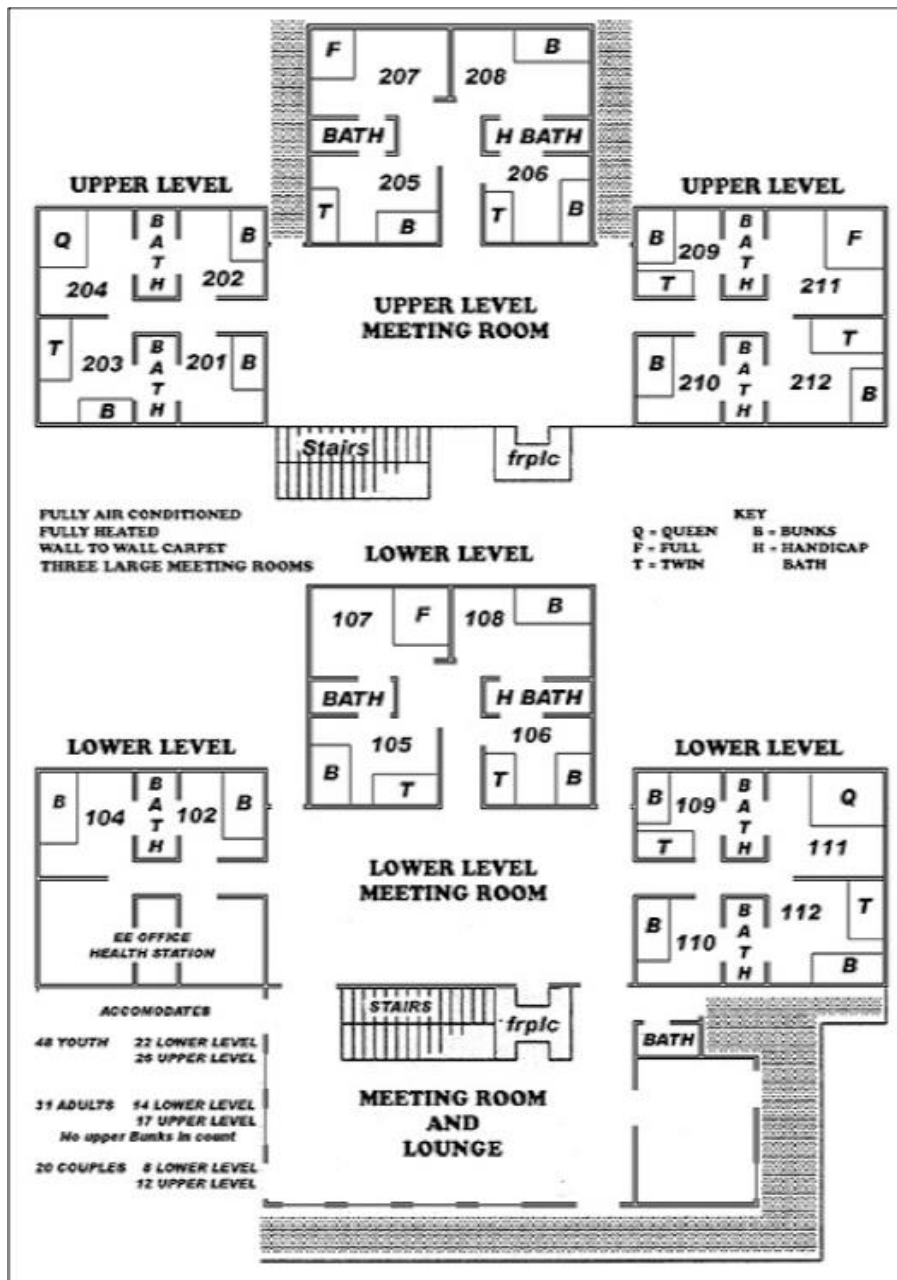
Men's Lodge:

Men's Lodge is just the name; it is not for only men. Options for a single (only 5 available) or a double room. Some double rooms are bunk beds, and two rooms share one bathroom. All linens are provided. Full air conditioning and heat.

Double: \$80 per person

Single: \$180

Men's Lodge Layout:



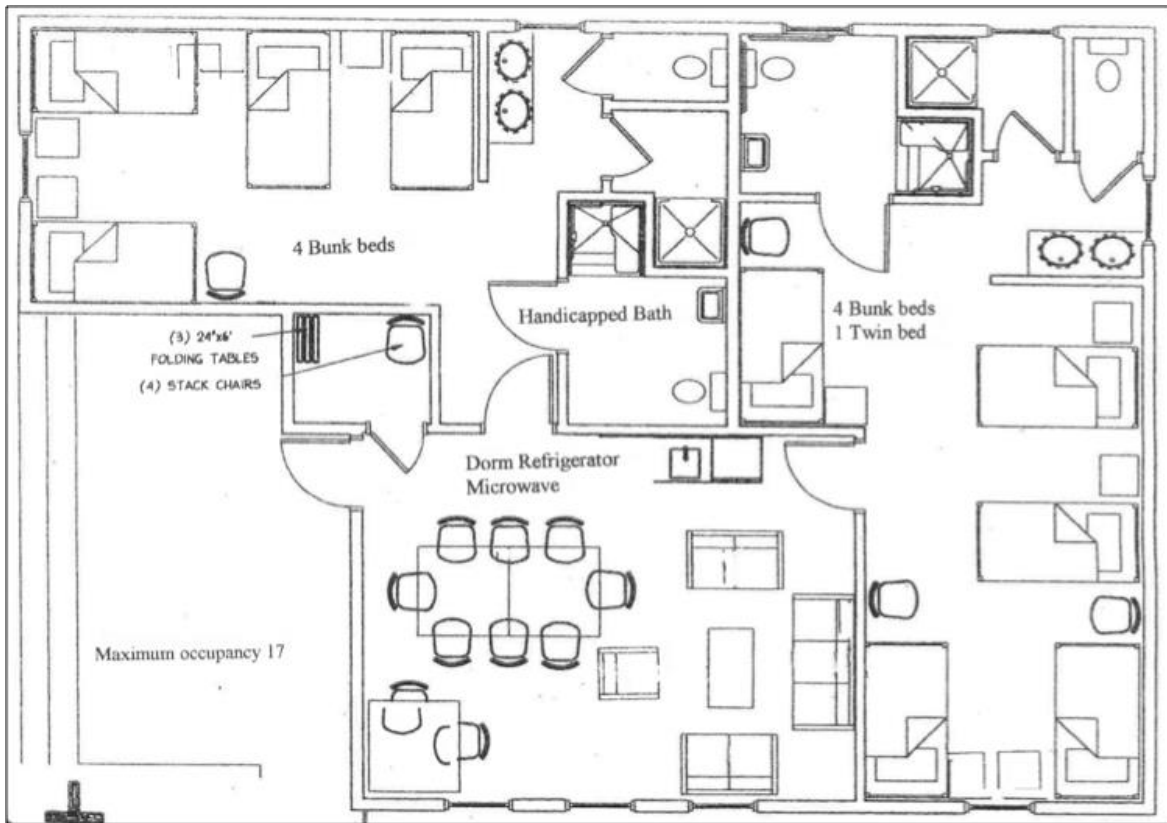
Gerhard Cabin:

A small bunk house. Two rooms, one all male and one all female; all with bunk beds. All linens provided. Full air conditioning and heat. Two bathrooms and showers in each room. Small lounge, dining table, and fridge. This is the furthest lodging from our main meeting spaces and dining at the Woodland Center.

Women: \$40 (9 total)

Men: \$40 (8 total)

Gerhard Cabin Layout:



Camping:

There are options for tent camping or RV- with water and electrical hookups. Each site can accommodate up to four tents. It is about 1/2 mile walk to the conference center. Campground has a large bathhouse, large shelter, and campfire circle.

Tent: \$15 (48 spaces available)

Tent Trailers: (includes water/electrical hook-ups) = \$25

Field Trips and Workshops

All field trips and workshops will take place on **Friday, September 29th**. Some will take place onsite at Agape, others will be nearby. Specific details are listed below. For the trips that do not include travel to the site (Canoeing and Raven Rock), you can either meet the group there or we can help arrange carpools from Agape.

Field Trips

Canoeing the Cape Fear's Story

9:30am - 2:00pm

\$40, includes lunch and canoe rental (25 minute travel from Agape not included)

Minimum: 16 Maximum: 24

Every river has a story, from its headwaters to its mouth. Join us for a leisurely paddle along the verdant Cape Fear, the lifeblood of the largest river basin in North Carolina. Experience interpretive and place-based educational strategies for connecting learners to the story of their local river system through cultural history, natural history, and river hydrology.

Trip led by Erin Lineberger and Brad Daniel

Raven Rock Exploration

12:30 - 4:30pm

\$10, includes lunch (30 minute travel from Agape not included)

Minimum: 10 Maximum: 24

Join us for a hike along the steep terrain of the Cape Fear River. We will learn about the ageless landmark, Raven Rock, that lends the park its name. Explore trails amongst the beautiful mountain laurel, towering beech trees, rhododendron thickets, and tumbling creeks. The trip will culminate with journaling your experience using various mediums in a nature art journal that you can take home with you to chronicle your experience.

Trip led by Brittany Hurtado

Early Childhood Nature PlaySpaces: A Raleigh TACO Sampler

9:00am - 4:30pm

\$20, includes lunch and transportation from Agape

Minimum: 12 Maximum: 18

Hungering to introduce the natural world to your youngest audience? Come celebrate TACO (Take a Child Outside Week) for a day of adventure and camaraderie with the staff of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences' early childhood programs! We'll start the day at the Museum's own Nature PlaySpace at Prairie Ridge Ecostation in West Raleigh, then travel to 3 or 4 additional sites. At each site staff will share their insights in developing, staffing, programming and maintaining their outdoor play areas and will engage participants in an outdoor play experience. Travel time will be used for lively discussion on play spaces and working with children and their families outdoors. This workshop is sponsored in part by a PNC "Grow Up Great" grant that will provide

each participant with materials to enhance their outdoor play areas or experiences.
Dress for outside all-weather play!

Trip led by Jan Weems, Dawn Mak, Beth Cranford, and Sarah Saffley

Friday Activities

We have several fun (and free) activities planned at Agapé on Friday, including a morning geology walk, an afternoon historical discovery hike, hands-on Naturalist training, and a variety of afternoon and evening activities. Even if you don't want to go on a field trip or workshop, we will keep you busy with free activities on Friday

Workshops

It's Our Air

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$10, includes lunch

Minimum: 10 Maximum: 40

It's Our Air is a free, North Carolina specific on-line curriculum that includes 15 activities and nine videos focused on air quality. (www.itsourair.org) While It's Our Air (IOA) engages students in learning the science of air quality using a variety of hands-on activities and dynamic video segments, the IOA educator workshop will help educators make the basic concepts of science and research come alive in the classroom. We will share our expertise with learners; Division of Air Quality Meteorologist will help learners teach about weather and modeling, we will have an air quality monitor on site to show how we study air and how this can be replicated at any education site. IOA workshop is eligible for 6 hours of NC environmental education certification Criteria I (pending approval) or CEUs.

All IOA activities are aligned with the N.C. Essential Standards for high school Earth and Environmental Science. The activities and videos provide a comprehensive curriculum that can be used as is or adapted by teachers to fit their course needs, with teachers picking and choosing from the various activities and videos. Many of the activities and videos can be adapted to work well with both younger students and adults.

Workshop lead by Keith Bamberger and Jonathan Navarro, NC Division of Air Quality

Excellence in EE: Using the NAAEE Guidelines

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$10, includes lunch

Minimum: 6 Maximum: 20

We want our EE programs to be the best they can be. We want to be professionals in our field. But how do we know if we have reached these goals? The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) has released the Guidelines for Excellence series to help us, as practitioners and educators, recognize benchmarks in

areas of professional development, learner achievements, instructional materials, programs, early childhood education, and community engagement as they relate to the field of EE. In this workshop, we will introduce a subset of the Guidelines series through hands-on activities, discussion, and reflection. All participants will leave with the newest edition of the Guidelines we are addressing. This workshop is sponsored by the NAAEE ee360 grant from the EPA and counts toward NC environmental education certification Criteria III hours or CEUs.

Workshop led by Renee Strnad, NAAEE Guidelines Trainer Bureau