

LOCAL EDUCATOR'S RESEARCH TO BE PRESENTED AT WORLD CONFERENCE IN JANUARY

Conservation program accepting '08 applications

OXFORD, Ohio - As part of Earth Expeditions from Miami University's Project Dragonfly and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Precious Blood School, Dayton educator Sandra Hoy of Tipp Cith, 45371, has completed an extensive research project to be showcased at the Earth Expeditions World Community Conference at the Cincinnati Zoo in January.

Hoy was a participant in Earth Expeditions, a global conservation program that recognizes outstanding educators regionally and throughout the country, providing educators with research and conservation experiences at the Cincinnati Zoo and at conservation hotspots around the world.

Precious Blood School, Dayton educators and administrators are invited to see Hoy's work at the January 12 conference, which includes free entrance and parking at the Cincinnati Zoo for the day (see registration info below). Last year's conference was attended by the local news media and hundreds of regional educators and administrators.

Led by Miami and Cincinnati Zoo instructors, Hoy drew from the Zoo's more than 500 animal species and 3,000 plant varieties to explore topics ranging from species and habitats relationships to evolution. Hoy's research project followed the same steps that a practicing research scientist would undergo.

Through January 28, Earth Expeditions is accepting applications from educators for the program's international experiences in Belize, Costa Rica, Kenya, Mongolia, Namibia, Thailand and Trinidad.

And Precious Blood School, Dayton educators are encouraged to apply to these courses that link formal and informal educators together with scientists, naturalists and educators at conservation hotspots in Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

Approximately 200 U.S. candidates will be admitted to Earth Expeditions' 2008 international graduate courses. Since Earth Expeditions began in 2003, more than 700 formal and informal educators from 48 states have been accepted.

To support the program, Miami University is waiving all 2008 tuition for accepted applicants. Waivers for these seven-credit international experiences total \$3,100 for Ohio residents and \$7,000 for residents outside the state.

Earth Expeditions is open to educators from all disciplines and settings, from pre-K-12 teachers, school administrators, and university faculty to educators and naturalists from non-school settings, such as zoos, environmental centers, businesses, youth programs, parks, and museums.

Earth Expeditions is supported by funding from Project Dragonfly, Miami University, and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

-- To register for the January 12 conference at the Cincinnati Zoo, visit

<http://www.EarthExpeditions.org/wccregistration08/>.

-- For more information and to apply to Earth Expeditions' 2008 international experiences, visit <http://www.EarthExpeditions.org>.

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