



THE RIVER PROJECT

Environmental Education Expo 2006
October 24, 2006

This year The River Project co-hosted the Environmental Education Expo 2006 in partnership with NYC Soil and Water Conservation District, Hudson Basin River Watch and NYU's Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education. The Environmental Education Expo grows out of the Teacher's Open House, started in 2001 by The River Project and NYU's Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education. This year, the Expo was held at the Picnic House of Hudson River Park's Pier 40.



Fishing with LESEC's Kate Zidar

Conservation District's District Manager, Shino Tanikawa, expanded and improved this event into one that would provide the best setting for teachers and educators to interact with organizations with environmental education programs. Changes included:

- Representing a larger number of organizations that provide environmental education programs and curriculum;
- Holding two sessions – a daytime session aimed at after-school educators, and an evening session for NYC teachers;
- Bringing programs to attendees – hold live demonstrations of programs and bring live wildlife;
- Increasing the number and variety of literature and take-home items available at the event;
- Offering a fun and informative setting for professional networking

This great event involved more than 35 different organizations exhibiting their programs to over 150 attendees during the two sessions held that day. Live demonstrations included fishing, water quality testing, and visits from a Harris Hawk, Northern Screech Owl, a Kestrel, several Lined Seahorses and a Predator Shrimp.

Exhibiting organizations:

- Battery Park City Parks Conservancy
- Big Apple Safari
- Bronx River Alliance, Inc
- Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment
- City Beast
- City Parks Foundation
- Council on the Environment of NYC
- Crotona Park Nature Center
- Erik's Reptile Ed-ventures

This year, Tad Barnes, TRP's Director of Outreach and Community Relations, and NYC Water and Soil



Harris Hawk from Theo. Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Ctr.



Exhibitors from The River Project

- Fairview Lake Environmental Education Center
- Friends of Blue Heron Park
- Friends of Brook Park
- Friends of Hudson River Park
- Greenbelt Environmental Education Center
- Hudson Basin River Watch
- Hudson River Clearwater
- Hudson River Park Trust
- Lower East Side Ecology Center
- New York Restoration Project
- NY/NJ Baykeeper
- NY Sun Works
- NYC Audubon Society
- NYC Dept. of Sanitation
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Region 2
- Prospect Park Alliance
- Queens Botanical Garden
- Solar One
- South Street Seaport Museum
- Staten Island Botanical Garden
- The River Project
- Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center
- Trout in the Classroom
- Urban Park Rangers, NYC Parks
- US EPA, Region 2
- Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education at NYU
- Watershed Education Alliance



Tad Barnes and a Northern Screech Owl



Water Quality Testing

Thank You

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First Session Exhibitors



Expo literature table

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