

**SCMEA 2008 SPRING MINI-CONFERENCE
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Conference Registration

Registration (includes museum admission (registrant only), Activities, Tour, lunch, and snacks)

Postmarked by April 5 @ \$25: \$ _____

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**South Carolina
Marine Educators
Association**

**Spring
Mini-Conference**

19 April 2008

**SC State
Museum
301 Gervais
Street
Columbia, SC**



GENERAL INFORMATION

The third annual Spring Mini-Conference of the South Carolina Marine Educators Association will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The Conference will be a one-day affair full of information, collaboration, discussion and field trips, and will be held at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia, SC. In partnership with the Museum, participants will enjoy the **Earth Day** Activities being held that day around the museum. **Sonoco Recycling Keep Midlands Beautiful, Lexington County Solid Waste Management and DHEC will help spread the word about the importance of being good stewards of our planet.**

Two activities include making a rain barrel, and trading in your gas powered lawn mower for a \$200 coupon (limited supply) to purchase an electric mower (Richland & Lexington County only). The Mini-Conference will begin with a light breakfast and registration at 9:00AM and continue until 4:00 PM. The morning will include two Plenary Sessions featuring current marine research in South Carolina, similar to previous Mini-Conferences and Research Roundtable Plenary Sessions. A variety of speakers will present and discuss marine science research and education topics. After lunch, we will have an activity session presented by the Museum and SCMEA. Then participants are welcome to join the Museum's Earth Day Activities and Tour the museum on their own. Certificates will be given out to classroom teachers who need verification of attendance for recertification portfolios.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The \$25 per-person registration fee includes all conference sessions and activities, museum admission, Earth Day activities snacks, coffee and lunch. Please register by April 5th, as it helps with planning. Registration after April 5th will be \$30 and available **on site** only. Only conference registrants will be allowed to attend conference functions.

If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Nelle Stephenson at 843-237-9899 or 843-907-4202; or email her at nelnmag@aim.com

LODGING & LOCATION

Our SCMEA Mini-Conference will take place at the South Carolina State Museum on Gervais Street, Columbia, SC. For those coming from out of town, the Hampton Inn on Gervais St is conveniently located. Check the SCMEA web site www.scmarineed.org for updates.

SCHEDULE and ACTIVITIES

9:00 Coffee, Registration opens

9:45

9:00: Current Marine Research Roundtable

This plenary session will consist of short presentations by several local marine scientists. A question & answer session will follow at the end of all presentations. This will be an exchange of ideas between teachers and researchers, and is intended to be a two-way communication.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Activity

1:45 Tour Museum; Earth Day Activities

SPONSORS

The Spring Mini-Conference is sponsored in partnership by SCMEA and the SC State Museum and made possible by its members' generous donation of time and support. Sincere appreciation also goes to the South Carolina Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, University of South Carolina's Center for Science Education, the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for their contributions to this conference.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

The museum is located at 301 Gervais Street, beside the historic Gervais St. Bridge and just a few blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Columbia.

From Greenville/Spartanburg

Take I-26 to Columbia past the intersection with I-20. Stay in one of the left two lanes and take I-126 toward town. Bear right onto the Huger St. exit. Go 4 stop lights to Gervais St. Turn right onto Gervais, and the museum entrance is a half-block on your right, just before the bridge crossing the river.

From Charleston

Take I-26 to Columbia. Exit at I-126. After crossing the bridge, take Huger Street exit ramp on the right. Go 4 traffic lights to Gervais St. Turn right onto Gervais, and the museum entrance is a half-block on your right, just before the bridge crossing the river.

From Florence

Take I-20 west and exit onto I-26 east to Charleston. Stay in one of the left two lanes and take I-126 toward town. Bear right onto the Huger St. exit. Turn right at the fourth light onto Gervais Street and the museum is a half-block ahead on your right.