

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for your interest in the 2010 Watershed Forestry Institute for Teachers (WFIT). Before you send us your application, there is some important information you should know.

The Watershed Forestry Institute for Teachers is open to fourth through twelfth grade teachers within New York City, the Catskill/Delaware, and Croton watersheds. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please feel free to contact me.

Due to the competitive nature of the Institute, please take time to complete this application thoroughly and effectively, using the template provided, and be sure to spend adequate time on your cover letter. Applications that appear rushed or incomplete will score low during the selection process. Complete applications will score higher.

This year's WFIT will be held Sunday, August 15th – Friday, August 20th at the Menla Mountain Retreat and Conference Center in Woodland Valley (www.menla.org). *You will be required to attend the entire event, beginning Sunday afternoon and ending late morning on Friday.* The WFIT is free to both you and your school (other than travel to/from Menla). All meals and lodging are paid for the week. *You will receive a \$200 stipend, an abundance of curricula, classroom materials, and more than 30 hours of in-service credit.*

The setting and grounds at Menla are a beautiful and tranquil place that fosters learning. Amenities are close at hand in the village of Phoenicia, only 10 minutes away. Please keep in mind that it is a rural area. Cell phones will not work; however, there is WiFi access in the dining hall and conference center. *All meals served at Menla will be vegetarian, with only two meat options during the week.*

You should also be aware that there will be a lot of walking required during the WFIT. Walking is part of the various fieldtrips and site visits. Additionally, it is a pleasant five-minute walk between your lodging and the dining facility. We recommend you bring sturdy hiking shoes. If you are chosen to participate in the WFIT, we will send you a more detailed list of items to bring and not to bring.

Applications for the 2010 WFIT are due by Saturday, May 15th. You will be notified of your selection status on or before June 15th. You can apply by printing out the attached application form and sending it in, or by filling it out digitally (http://nycwatershed.org/edu_teachers.html) and emailing it to me. Be sure to include the required cover letter and signed administrator statement with your application.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (845) 586-2611, extension 109, or by email at ljemison@catskillcenter.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jemison
Director of Education
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development

PROGRAM	PARTICIPATED? (Y/N)	DATE(S)
Watershed Forestry Institute for Teachers		
Watershed Forestry Bus Tours		
Green Connections		
Catskill Stream and Watershed Education Program (CSWEP)		
Watershed Education Grants		
Catskills: A Sense of Place Curriculum		
Project Learning Tree		
Trout in the Classroom		

5. Are there other related workshops, trainings, or programs that you have completed that are not mentioned above? If so, please describe. Use extra space if necessary.

6. Historically, classroom implementation of the materials and programs from the WFIT is more successful if multiple teachers from the same district are able to attend. Are other teachers from your district applying or have they attended past WFITs? (Please include names) _____.

7. Please describe personal, physical or administrative limitations that may prevent you from attending the **entire week-long** Institute. Use additional space if necessary.

8. Almost all meals will be vegetarian. We will make arrangements for at least two meat meals during the WFIT. Is this acceptable to you? YES NO

Please indicate if you have dietary needs, restrictions, or food allergies.

9. The WFIT will be held at the Menla Mountain Retreat and Conference Center - approximately 2.5 hours from NYC. Transportation to/from the train station (Rhinecliff) or bus stop (Phoenicia) can be arranged.

Do you plan to: DRIVE TAKE A BUS TAKE A TRAIN OTHER
(circle one)

10. Please have a conversation with your school administrator regarding your application to the Watershed Forestry Institute for Teachers. Upon completion of your talk please ask them to either 1) sign the below statement of support, **OR** 2) complete their own statement of support and attach it to your application.

I support _____ in their application to the 2010 Watershed Forestry Institute for Teachers. I will provide support for this teacher to adjust their curriculum to include the materials and content that they learn at the Institute for the 2010-2011 schoolyear, provided that they are within the already established school standards of the grade and subject that they are teaching.

Administrator Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Twenty (20) K-12 teachers will be selected for the 2010 *WATERSHED FORESTRY INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS* – ten (10) from the Catskill/Delaware/Croton region and ten (10) from NYC. Please provide as much detail as possible to help the selection committee.

All applicants will be notified of their selection status on or before June 15th.

Please mail, fax, or email this completed application form by May 15, 2010 to:

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Watershed Forestry Institute for Teachers Website:
http://nycwatershed.org/edu_teachers.html



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