



THE BASICS

- Who?** Teachers of Grades K-1-2
What? Hands-on Fun with the Standards
When? July 16-19, 2018 from 9:00am - 2:00pm
Where? Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, Tiffin
Why? Outstanding Ideas for Outside Learning
How? As a Commuter or Resident for 4 Days

DETAILS

Join us for four days on the 400 acres of woodlands, wetlands and fields of the St. Francis Community Campus in Tiffin. Tiffin is about one hour southeast of Toledo. Learn how to apply the Standards to the Natural World around you. Activities will be adapted for use on your school grounds, nearby parks and natural areas, and the classroom. A grant will supply take-home materials. Accommodations for residents are in St. Francis Spirituality Center, a retreat center, which has private rooms with sinks and shared bathrooms. The programs is limited to 15 teachers.

The day will begin at 9:00 when your facilitators will lead you in hands-on activities and projects until we have a sack lunch at noon. From 12:30-1:30 these activities will continue. From 1:30-2:00 you will have an opportunity to share ideas and start to integrate activities into your own classroom. This will give you 16 hours of contact time. You will receive a certificate indicating the number of hours you participated.

For more info: contact Sr. Shirley at 419-448-7485 or sshafranek@felctiffin.org or visit www.felctiffin.org

MEET YOUR FACILITATORS



Sr. Shirley Shafranek, OSF Tiffin

I was an elementary science teacher for 29 years in Iowa and Milwaukee.
I have been the educator at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center for 7 years.
My favorite past time is walking in the woods. The wonders of creation are amazing.



Linda Haas, OSF Tiffin Associate

I was an elementary and middle school science teacher for 17 years. I taught high school theology for 10 years.
I was a co-director and educator at FELC for 2 years. I am currently on the Education Committee for FELC.
My favorite pastimes are birdwatching and traveling, especially to natural areas.



Jim Mason

I worked 19 years as an analytical chemist testing soil and water.
I have been a middle school science teacher in Tiffin and Fremont since 2004.



Matt Miller

I was a high school science and math teacher for 18 years in Upper Sandusky and Tiffin and a school counselor in Tiffin for 15 years. I spent 1 ½ years as the Animal Laboratory Coordinator at Heidelberg University and have been an educator at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center for the past year. I enjoy outdoor activities and nature study.



Stacey Pistarova, Ph. D

I was a project-based teacher for 10 years and have been at Heidelberg University for the last 3 1/2 years where I teach elementary education. I also develop curriculum and support teacher's ability to implement STEAM into their classrooms.

I had fun and learned so much I can apply in the classroom that I know the students will learn while having fun. It was really like camp - we sang songs, played games, built projects, walked in the woods and cooked over a fire. It was a great experience and very worthwhile! We were all hands on, so I felt the camp was modeled, perfectly! I will definitely be using anything we learned that goes with 4th grade standards (and more). In fact, it was one of the best science teaching (or just teaching in general) workshops I have attended. Thank you for having us DO to learn, as learning should be. This really helped me to reaffirm that many of the things I am doing in the classroom are on track, and it gave me many new ideas that I can apply in the classroom. I looked forward to coming each day. It was a great experience simply visiting the FELC. My favorite part, the campfire, was a great way to wrap up the week, immerse ourselves in nature, and bond together. [Alana Stevens, fourth grade teacher at New Riegel Schools](#)

Teachers turn into students then back into teachers again when done with this program! Thank you very much for this program! [Anonymous](#)

Hands-down, this was by far the BEST class I have ever taken and it far exceeded my expectations! I will use everything in my classroom that was covered! I loved all of the activities! The presenters kept us moving and involved! I am excited about using the animal games, worm farm, and sun/wind power resources. [Melissa Bellman, third grade teacher at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ottawa, Ohio](#)

Registration Form (Deadline May 31, 2018) ~ Space is limited to 15 teachers!

Name _____ School _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Home or Cell Phone _____ Email _____

_____ Commuter (\$100) (does not include sack lunch)

_____ Resident (\$275) includes lodging and all meals from Monday noon through Thursday noon

_____ \$25 non-refundable deposit included (Make checks payable to the **Franciscan Earth Literacy Center**)

Tell us a little about yourself and why you want to participate _____

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