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## **NOTES TO OHIO PROJECT WET FACILITATORS ABOUT THE PROJECT WET 2.0 CURRICULUM & ACTIVITY GUIDE**

Thank you for your continuing interest in Project WET! At your upcoming Project WET Educator Workshop, you will be distributing the new Project WET 2.0 Curriculum & Activity Guide. Here are a few extra things you may need to do to prepare for your workshop, and some information you will want to pass on to the participants.

First, the Project WET Foundation (formerly referred to as "The Watercourse" and sometimes as "the National Office") has provided me with two new PowerPoint presentations tailored for the new Guide. One is entitled Project WET 2.0 Presentation and the other is entitled History of Project WET. Either is suitable to use as a replacement for the original Introduction to Project WET presentation that you may have been using during the "Introduction & Background" session of your workshop. The new presentations are rather similar (some of the slides are the same in both), so I wouldn't recommend using both of them. It may work to use the original Introduction to Project Wet and follow it with the Project WET 2.0 Presentation. If you have PowerPoint expertise and some time to spend, you could integrate them and make a custom presentation. Of course, you can do the "Introduction and Background" session of your workshop without using any of the presentations, but they are available for downloading if you want them at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/3501/Default.aspx> (this is the Ohio Project WET Main Page, arrow down to the "Educator/Workshop Leader Resources" section to find all three presentations).

The Project WET 2.0 Curriculum & Activity Guide contains 64 activities. There are 42 activities from the original Guide that have been revised and included in the new Guide (five have been renamed). "Idea Pools" is an activity from the original Guide that is in the introductory section of the new Guide but that is not listed as an activity. There are 22 activities in the new Guide that were not in the original. Of these, eight are completely new activities and 14 are activities that have been developed and published previously in other Project WET publications or for other specific purposes that have become so well-liked that they were included in the new Guide (these are referred to as the "best of the best"). Because these activities have not been distributed much in Ohio, they are going to be "new" to most people here. If I've counted correctly, that leaves 48 activities from the original Guide that are not in the new Guide. However, elements of some of the "old" activities can be found in some of the new activities, and some of new activities cover a lot of the same ground as old discontinued activities. I've started a list connecting discontinued activities to new activities that might be used in place of them. The attached table summarizes this information--it is incomplete. I'm continuing my compilation, so please send me connections between discontinued activities and new activities that you may see.

All Ohio facilitators that conduct an Educator Workshop will receive a complimentary copy of the new Guide. Be sure to let me know if I try to invoice you or otherwise charge you for your complimentary copy.

There are a few other things you need to tell your workshop participants about the new Guide and other resources available from the Project WET Foundation:

There is a "Water Education Portal" now active online, and all recipients of the new Guide are eligible to sign up for the "Guide Membership" at no cost. Go to <http://portal.projectwet.org/>, which will take you to the Portal webpage, and then click on the "Sign Up Now" button and use the "Create an Account" tab to get registered. After you have created a new account, you will be transferred to the Project WET store to "purchase" a subscription, and you will need to enter the code stamped on the bottom left of the back of your Project WET 2.0 Guide to get the "discount" which makes it no cost. Before you can log on using the "Log On" tab on the Portal webpage, you need to check your e-mail to get your password, which will be sent to you. This is a one-time password, so after you've logged on (you'll also want to save the log-on page in your favorites to make it easily accessible), you'll need to change your password to create your permanent password. After that, you'll be through with the registration process and will be free to explore the Portal.

I have not had much time yet to explore the Portal and so can't tell you much about what all is contained within, but I have been assured it is a valuable resource, and one that will improve in the future. Please sign up for the Portal before your workshop, and then explain to your workshop participants how to do it.

Select activities in the new Guide have an "ActionEducation" component, which comes after the "Wrap Up" section—you can read about what this is in the Introduction section of the new Guide (page x), and see examples of it in Aqua Bodies (page 48), On Track with Hydration (page 100), and others—most activities don't have it, and there doesn't appear to be a list anywhere indicating which activities do. I will try to develop a list of the activities that have this ActionEducation component.

There is also a new website called "Discoverwater.org" which you need to mention. It is live on the web, and you should go check it out at <http://www.discoverwater.org/> before your workshop so you can describe it.

I've also been asked about the on-line correlations. As you may know, we have expended considerable time, effort, and money to correlate the original Project WET activities to the Science & Social Studies standards/benchmarks, etc. Now there are new Project WET activities that are uncorrelated. It will remain this way for the time being, at least until I know more about the new Ohio standards that are being formulated.