

SciREN: Scientific Research & Education Networking

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North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

Instructions for Earning 1.0 CEU

Welcome to SciREN: Scientific Research & Education Network, a professional development opportunity for formal and informal educators.

This educator event is a continuation from COSEE SouthEast's Researcher-Educator Exchange Forum (REEF) program that created communities of practice (CoPs) – teams of scientists, informal educators, classroom teachers, and communicators in the same geographical area – to work together to translate marine science research for use in classrooms, as well as in informal education settings.

Classroom teachers need 10 contact hours in order to receive 1.0 Continuing Education Unit (CEU). Attendance at SciREN gets you 2.5 contact hours. In order to receive those 7.5 additional hours, individuals must complete a homework assignment and report the results to Terri Kirby Hathaway, Marine Education Specialist, NC Sea Grant.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

1. Choose three (3) activities that you have observed or learned about during this evening's event (SciREN).
2. Try these chosen activities with your educational group (classroom students, Scouts, camp group, pre-school, home school students, etc.) in your educational setting (classroom, informal education facility, etc.):
 - a. research the background information;
 - b. prepare the materials;
 - c. conduct the activity;
 - d. reflect on how it worked (or didn't work); and
 - e. suggest ways to adapt and/or extend the activity.
3. Send an email to Terri (terri@csi.northcarolina.edu) listing the activities by title that you tried, your reflections on their usefulness and/or appropriateness, and your suggestions for adaptations, changes, and/or extensions.
4. Action photos will be a bonus!

Once all homework has been submitted and approved, you will receive a completed and signed Certificate of Credit. You will need to fill out your Social Security Number and your license expiration date and turn the certificate into your school system. Please contact Terri if you have any questions or concerns (terri@csi.northcarolina.edu).

Good luck, and have fun with these new ideas!