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CEDD Project: Third Annual National Summit on Environmental Studies and Sciences at Jonesboro, Arkansas

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Annual Summit on Environmental Studies: The [Third Annual National Environmental Studies and Sciences Summit](#) will be held May 22-24, 2008 at Jonesboro, Arkansas. It will bring together directors, faculty, and graduate students in environmental studies and related fields to discuss the state of interdisciplinary environmental teaching and research and future goals for environmental studies. The gathering will be hosted by Arkansas State University and the Arkansas Biosciences Institute. This is a follow-up to last year's highly-successful [Syracuse Summit](#) on Environmental Studies.

The Summit at Jonesboro aims to emulate previous summits while taking advantage of the rich educational, natural, and historic environment of Northeastern AR and the Mississippi Delta. We will draw upon local treasures and local case studies in the Mississippi Delta.

Panel discussions and breakout sessions will touch on a wide range of topics, including

- Breakout discussions on cross-disciplinary research and education
- A panel discussion of the role of diversity in environmental sciences
- General ES-related issues, such as curriculum development, accreditation, professional advancement, canonical texts and a core body of information

Organizers in Arkansas have planned a stimulating program with a focus on the rich cultural and environmental heritage of the Delta. Among the highlighted "local treasures" are:

- A case study on the Mississippi Embayment. The Mississippi Embayment is both a highly fragmented landscape. Natural resource management pressures ranging from agriculture to urban development combined with the mighty Mississippi and the unique habitats of the Delta make this region one of the most dynamic in the Nation.
- Blues and Jazz in the AR Delta
- A barbeque on the Judd Hill Plantation
- Optional field trips to the Judd Hill Experimental Farm, Cache River National Wildlife Refuge (home of the Ivory Billed Woodpecker), birdwatching in the Delta, a dinner cruise on the Mississippi River and other local sites of interest

We hope you will join us for this important event and pass the word along to others. Please see our web site at <http://evs.astate.edu/summit2008.htm>.