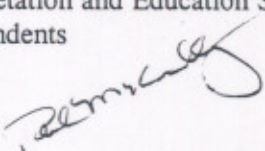


DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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STAFF DIRECTIVE 99-10

TO: Superintendent of State Parks
District Superintendents
Lead Interpretation and Education Specialist
District Interpretation and Education Specialists
Park Superintendents
Park Rangers

FROM: Phil McKnelly 

SUBJECT: Environmental Education Certification

Over ten years ago, the division determined that the responsibilities of park superintendents and rangers included, in priority order, interpretation and environmental education (I&E), resource management, visitor services (including emergency medical services, law enforcement, and search and rescue activities), and maintenance. In an effort to ensure that staff are appropriately trained and capable of achieving our most important responsibility, it shall be the policy of the division that all district superintendents, I&E specialists, park superintendents, and park rangers become certified environmental educators in accordance with the standards and policies established by the Office of Environmental Education in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Park rangers, the lead I&E specialist, and district I&E specialists currently employed by the division shall be enrolled in the program immediately and should receive their certification within two years of their enrollment date. Superintendents and district superintendents shall be enrolled in the program immediately and should receive their certification within three years of their enrollment date. New rangers and I&E specialists shall be enrolled in the program within three months of their employment and should receive their certification within two years of their enrollment date.

This staff directive is effective immediately and, effective July 1, 2001, environmental education certification shall be a requirement for promotion to ranger, superintendent, or I&E specialist positions in the division. Effective July 1, 2001, new rangers shall be expected to receive their environmental education certification within two years of their enrollment in the program. Effective July 1, 2002, environmental certification shall be required for promotion from one superintendent classification to another or to district superintendent.

If you have any questions or need additional information about this directive, please contact your district superintendent or the lead I&E specialist.

