

**Building Humane Communities:
Becoming Agents of Positive Change**

Hosted by Green Chimneys and American Humane Association
Conference on Humane Education
April 29-30, 2011
Green Chimneys, Brewster, NY

While focusing on the role all of us play in creating humane communities, we will invite the Green Chimneys animals to serve as our “co-faculty” during hands-on sessions that illustrate how animals also have a place in shaping the world in which they live.

The 2011 humane education conference sessions will highlight approaches that support the building of humane communities. The 2-day program will include lectures by internationally known leaders in education, psychology, veterinary medicine, humane education and human-animal interactions.

We’ll also have interactive group discussions and hands on learning opportunities with animals on the Green Chimneys Farm, which offers conference attendees a profound and innovative learning setting.

**WITHIN THE CONFERENCE, BUILDING HUMANE COMMUNITIES:
BECOMING AGENTS OF POSITIVE CHANGE WE WILL:**

- Explore how we may need to “reboot” our very concept of community.
- Create a vision of humane communities that includes a diversity of people, animals and plants.
- Promote “safety for all” through intentional models of working with communities in a supportive fashion.
- Question some of our most firmly held ideas about humane education, community outreach and how to guide others toward behavior change on the community level.
- Discover how members of different communities may think and feel differently about the same issues.
- Propose active steps humane educators can take to maintain an enthusiastic and positive outlook despite often daunting obstacles

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is an unprecedented continuing education opportunity for: HUMANE EDUCATORS and MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS with an interest in the human-animal bond including:

- OUTDOOR EDUCATORS
- RECREATIONAL THERAPISTS
- TEACHERS
- CHILD AND ANIMAL WELFARE PROFESSIONALS
- ANYONE SEEKING TO INSTILL KINDNESS AND APPRECIATION FOR CHILDREN, ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE

Early Bird Special: \$250, if received by January 14, 2011
Registration Fee: \$300, due by April 2011 (includes six meals)

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