Kaigal Education and Environment Program

An initiative from the Foundation for Education, Ecology and Livelihood

About us
The Kaigal Education and Environment Program was started in the year 2002. It has a Conservation Center in Kaigal a village on the fringes of the Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh. The Center consists of afforestation sites, a Seed Bank, a Forest Nursery, an Educational Resource Center and a Training Center. It is located in a beautiful forested land with the Kaigal river flowing through.

Vision of the program
If you lose touch with nature you lose touch with humanity - J Krishnamurti

The environment education program began in 2007 with a vision of creating experiences for young minds that allow them to see their relationship with the world around them towards helping them develop into sensitive and intelligent human beings, with a deep sense of connection with the world.

What are our objectives?

• Experiencing a connection with nature, living simply, learning to be with oneself

• Providing hands-on experiences that foster a sense of wonder and respect for all life

• Understanding how different communities live and work – bridging worlds and blurring boundaries

• Integrating conservation and sustainable development ideas into regular curriculum

• Evolving as a field research station for conservation and education

What are the program activities

• Working with the tribal and local resource persons to experience the forest

• Working with the local communities on local farms and issues of conservation and restoration
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- Working with the tribal schools and interacting with children and communities - teaching and learning crafts
- Working with communities to identify and document their needs for development
- Learning techniques of conservation and afforestation
- Interacting with research scholars based in Kaigal

Our facilities

- Nourishing fresh vegetarian food, snacks, tea and milk will be provided.
- Clean, simple dormitory accommodation (electrified)
- Outdoor all-weather tents
- Running water and IWC and EWC toilets with hot water from wood burning stoves
- Soft floor mats for sleeping bags for students
- Bedding and blankets for teachers

Key program principles

- Small group sizes – 20 – 25 in number
- Experiences based on the age of the group, prevailing weather and climate conditions
- Simple arrangements in line with our philosophy
- Respect for local communities and the environment

Contact us

We are a registered charitable Trust and these-program expenses are supported by voluntary contributions from individuals and participating institutions. Interested institutions may write to us for details about the programs.

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Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair. ~~ Kahlil Gibran