

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

for environmental education

Environmental Policy

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute is dedicated to be a leading force and vibrant center for environmental education and research, resulting in awareness, appreciation, and preservation of the natural world. To help us accomplish this vision, the Institute is committed to not just teaching others through educational opportunities, but to lead by example.

- Being environmentally responsible is not a one time task, instead it is an ongoing process. The Institute staff will strive to understand the impact that we have as an organization on the world around us and will work ethically and responsibly to protect the health of our environment now and for future generations.
- As it is easier and better to prevent waste and pollution than to deal with it directly, the Institute will work to prevent waste and pollution internally and with our guests.
- We believe playing an active role in our community and serving our community is important. As a result, it is important for the Institute to communicate our environmental policies and practices to the greater community and especially our guests.
- For the protection of our guests, employees, and the environment, we will comply with or exceed all environmental laws and regulations.
- Environmental responsibility is not limited to certain individuals. In addition, contributions to improve the environmental responsibility of the Institute can come from any employee or guest. To help the Institute become more environmentally responsible, all individuals are encouraged to contribute to the process.

Our policy toward the environment includes quantifiable goals. Our goals are:

- Analyzing energy and water usage throughout 2010 to set usage benchmarks.
- Reducing our energy usage 5% from 2009 levels by 2012.
- Reducing our solid waste 5% from 2010 levels by 2012.