

# The Legacy of King Coal



## Weekend Delegation to Southern IL

Join Eco-Justice Collaborative as we partner with Shawnee Hills and Hollers and the Shawnee Vinyard Indian Settlement and head to southern Illinois this April for a guided tour of southern Illinois' coalfields.

Participants will experience the beauty and magnificence of Illinois' natural wonders, while learning about the impacts that the life cycle of coal has on the lands; waters; health; and quality of life of southern Illinois communities. During our time together, we will:

- ▶ Discover the beauty of southern Illinois and see how it is being destroyed by coal mining.
- ▶ See three coal mines, and talk with a former miner.
- ▶ Talk with residents directly affected by Peabody's Wildcat Hills Cottage Grove Mine, the state's largest strip mine.
- ▶ See Peabody's Old Will Scarlet Mine, the worst abandoned mine land in the Midwest.
- ▶ Learn about the history of coal in southern Illinois, and the relationship between slavery and mining.
- ▶ Learn how coal is a drain on our state budget.
- ▶ Spend time each day with Shawnee Activist / Poet Barney Bush, and participate in the Shawnee Vinyard Indian Spring Onion Festival.
- ▶ Close out our delegation on High Knob, one of the sacred sites of the Shawnee.

**When:** April 10, 11, and 12

**Where:** Saline and Hardin Counties

**Cost:** \$50 (\$35 students)

### Cost includes:

- ▶ Guided tour, information packets and maps.
- ▶ Donation to our hosts.
- ▶ Friday dinner; all meals on Saturday; and Sunday breakfast.

### Cost does not include:

- ▶ Travel to and from southern Illinois. Participants must make their own travel arrangements.
- ▶ Lodging:
  - Option #1 - Stay at the Quality Inn in Harrisburg (free hot breakfast). Rooms start at \$65 a night (plus tax). Share a room and save!
  - Option #2 - There is primitive camping available at the Shawnee Vinyard Indian Settlement. Camping is free, and they'll provide breakfast.

### Delegation Begins in Southern Illinois

The delegation begins on Friday evening at 5pm at the Shawnee Vinyard Indian Settlement, 1027 State Hwy 34 South, Herod, IL (6 hours south of Chicago)

**Call Pam or Lan at 773.556.3417 for details and to reserve your space today!**