This year’s Summer Institute focused on Wetlands. To examine wetlands, teachers participated in a variety of outdoor and classroom activities. These activities included guest presentation by representatives of the Crawford County Conservation District, the PA Game Commission, and Pymatuning State Park. Participants also took a canoe trip to Geneva Marsh to explore first-hand the wonders of wetlands! All the information and activities presented at the workshop could be taken back to the classroom and shared with students.

After collecting and examining insects, plants, and water samples from the marsh, workshop participants worked in groups to analyze their data on shore.

The Summer Institute was also a time for teachers to restock their supplies for the upcoming school year. During a break in the activities, teachers browsed the Creek Connections “Store,” picking up books, testing supplies, and other items. The “Store” featured books and information about wetlands and offered supplies for topographic map exploration, basic water chemistry testing, macroinvertebrate sampling and many other activities.

Learn more about the 2003 Summer Institute on the Creek Connections website at “Current in the Creek”:
Http://creekconnections.allegheny.edu