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## Lebanon, Springboro educators will visit conservation 'hotspots'

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SPRINGBORO — This fall, students will have to their work cut out for them if they want to top the “What I Did During My Summer Vacation” stories of some Warren County teachers.

Educators John Fiely and Laura McCalmont of Lebanon, and Springboro’s Joyce Cook and Rachel McChesney will become transitory globetrotters this summer as part of Miami University’s Project Dragonfly and Earth Expeditions — a global conservation and education program collaborative between the university and the Cincinnati Zoo.

Cook is one of 150 U.S. and international educators accepted to the first year of Project Dragonfly’s Global Field Program. Modeled after a successful Earth Expeditions program, the educators do firsthand educational and scientific research at conservation “hotspots” around the world, according to Jamie Bercaw Anzano, Project Dragonfly’s director of communications and research.

Fiely, McCalmont and McChesney were selected as 2009 Earth Expeditions participants. Since 2004, more than 750 educators have been selected from 43 states and several international countries to participate in the program.

“We show educators what science looks like in the field, and it’s a complete transformation for them personally and professionally,” Bercaw Anzano said. “They go on and are able to incorporate their real-world experience with their classroom experience.”