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Updates on the SEEA Affiliate Network

SEEA Updates

**eeGuidance for Equitable Pay and Hiring is
ready to go public!**

Next step will be for SEEA affiliates to endorse this document via sign-on via SEEA website by April 14, 2023

<http://www.southeastee.com/eeGuidance.html>

**2023 SEEA
Conference
Falls Creek
Falls State
Park**



**JEDI101: Justice, Equity, Diversity,
& Inclusion in EE
February 27 - April 10
Register now!**

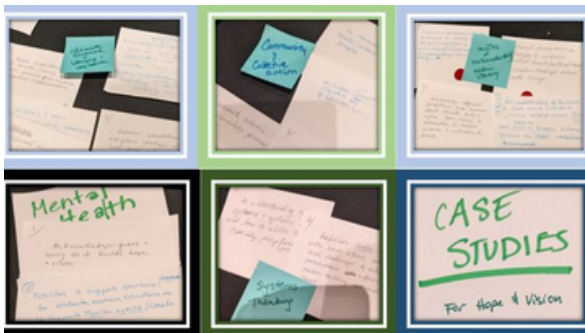
The Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance (SEEA) is a network of state affiliates of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) located in the southeastern United States. Member states include AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN. SEEA offers a regional conference and provides networking and professional development opportunities for the southeastern states.



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NAAEE Updates



Seeking Input on Guidelines for Excellence Due March 15

NAAEE is in the early stages of developing climate change education and climate justice guidelines. We'd appreciate your help to shape these guidelines by sharing your input.

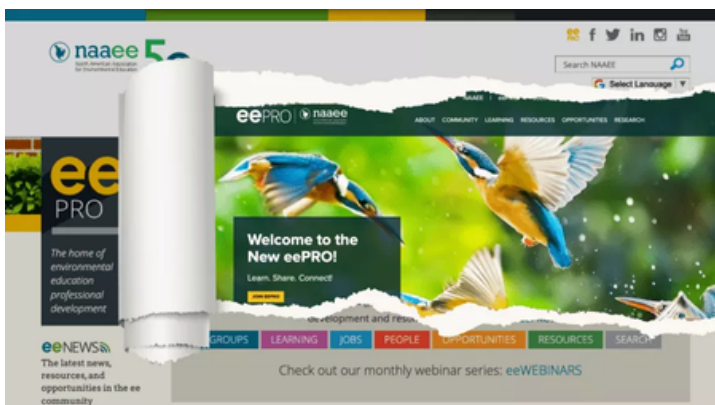
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Let's Get Outside for 5

Whether it's a forest, a park, or just outside your school building, there is always something to learn in nature's classroom. Get started by taking the Outside for 5 pledge to invest in the health and well-being of your school community.

<https://www.outsidefor5.com/>



The New eePRO Has Launched!

eePRO is the global online community for everyone who cares about education and creating a more just and sustainable future. Connect with other EE professionals, participate in discussions in eePRO groups, and find and share resources, events, and opportunities!

<https://eeepro.naaee.org/>



Connect with the Affiliate Network: Jump on board with the Affiliate Network eePro group to improve our effectiveness and build a stronger and more unified voice for EE.



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NAAEE Affiliate Opportunities

Spring TIPS 2023: 'Teaching Imagination in Place'

Over 3 weeks of learning in a self-paced but supported approach

(including 3 LIVE webinars and daily prompts)

Dig into and apply the **COGNITIVE TOOLS** that engage your students' emotions and imaginations in and with Place.



Register: outdoorlearningstore.com/springtips

In lieu of a Walking Curriculum 30-day challenge this year, ImaginED and The Outdoor Learning Store want to do something different!

This Spring, they want to go deeper with imagination-focused practices and unearth the principles that infuse the Walking Curriculum...

Over 3 weeks of learning in a self-paced but supported approach (including 3 LIVE webinars and daily prompts via email), you will dig into and apply the **COGNITIVE TOOLS** that engage your students' emotions and imaginations in and with Place.

<https://outdoorlearningstore.com/imagination/>

FREE! TUESDAYS 60 mins Jan - March

Outdoor Learning Winter Virtual Workshop Series!

- 17 January** Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults
- 24 January** Dirty Teaching: A Beginners Guide to Learning Outdoors
- 31 January** Climate Change & Sustainability Education Resources
- 7 February** Taking Math Outdoors: Practical Ideas & Examples
- 21 February** Green Ummah & The Great Outdoors
- 28 February** A People's Curriculum for the Earth
- 7 March** School Gardening: Teaching Tools & Resources

OUTDOORLEARNINGSTORE.COM

TAKE ME OUTSIDE

Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives are foundational to Outdoor Learning.

Register today

4 Seasons of Reconciliation Learning Opportunity: Feb - Jun 2023

Sophie Pierre **Faye O'Neil** **David Stevenson**

Shelly Boyd **Phyllis Webstad** **Jenna Jasek**

Reconciliation Education **FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA** **ROCKY MOUNTAIN School District #43** **THE OUTDOOR LEARNING STORE**

outdoorlearningstore.com/every-child-matters

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ALABAMA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA (EEAA)

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The Environmental Education Association of Alabama is comprised of educators from around Alabama who share a passion for educating our citizenry, especially our young people, on the diverse natural resources our state enjoys.

About us

EEAA is in The Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance (SEEA) network of state affiliates, of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) located in the southeast region of the U.S. - EPA Region 4.

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FLORIDA

LEAGUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS IN FLORIDA (LEEF)

LEEF is gearing up for our Spring Mini-Conference on April 1 that will be virtual this year, to allow more folks from around the state to participate after the recent hurricanes. We're excited to be hosting field trips in 3 regions as a part of the conference, for a chance for members to meet and enjoy the Everglades, Marineland and the beautiful lakes in Central Florida.



LEEF is also convening a new statewide Climate Resiliency and Watershed Education Advisory Council with experts from School Districts, government resiliency offices, nonprofit environmental education centers and businesses. This new Advisory Council is creating a website of resources for K-12 educators to use in lessons and activities that center the newest and most creative approaches to building climate resiliency. If you have a suggestion of a website or resource you think should be included, let Trina know!

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GEORGIA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF GEORGIA (EEA)

Join us for these exciting events in 2023:

Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia

TRENDS
IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
& OUTDOOR LEARNING
FORUM

Monday March 20

Kendeda Building @ Georgia Tech
422 Ferst Dr. NW Atlanta, GA

www.eealliance.org

Bring your friends and meet us at the EE Trends Forum:
a gathering of environmental educators
and outdoor learning providers in GA

artist Lucy Campbell: "Every day the world is created"

Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia

**CLIMATE
EDUCATION
SUMMIT**

Tuesday March 21

Kendeda Building Georgia Tech
422 Ferst St NW, Atlanta, GA

www.eealliance.org

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What is the Environmental Education Alliance?

The Environmental Education Alliance (EEA) is a coalition of organizations and educators who envision a world where people and nature thrive. Since 1990, EEA has been serving as the backbone organization in this field and working toward the day when every Georgia child grows up connected to nature, knowledgeable about the environment, motivated to protect the earth, and empowered to create a just and sustainable future.

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KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION (KAAE)



KAAE Affinity Groups | Join, Connect, Engage

Affinity groups are a great way to engage with your EE peers across Kentucky. These groups are meant to help connect educators who identify as one or more of the following: Young Professional (U30), EE Organizational Leader, Formal Educator, LGBTQ+ Educator, BIPOC Educator, Higher Education Professional, Early Childhood Educator. Within these groups you can ask questions, share resources, and coordinate with your peers in a safe space. While we appreciate allies, please remember that affinity groups are not the space for allies.

Click button below for full details and/or to join!

Call for Proposals Now Open for KAAE2023

The call for proposals for the 47th Annual KAAE Conference is now open.

This year, we'll be live and in person at Cave City Convention Center. Can't wait to see you! Join us and be part of the dynamic and engaging lineup by submitting your session proposal today. The call for proposals closes March 27th

<https://forms.gle/dnhtkkQknVhFADc5A>



Take the first step toward change... Join a KAAE Action Team!

KAAE action teams are designed to help us in implementing various facets of our work from the events we host to the strategies and tasks we have identified in our strategic plan.

These are a great opportunity to get more involved in KAAE and to network with other environmental educators around the state. Click the button below to learn more about the teams and how you can take action to promote change and progress in our field!



KAAE Announces Outdoor Learning Symposium Date & Venue for 2023

The Outdoor Learning Symposium (OLS) is a full day professional learning opportunity for formal K-12 teachers and administrator teams. Come prepared for inspiring sessions and networking opportunities centered around best practices to integrate outdoor learning and environmental education into curriculum within the school day. We're excited to host this year's event at North Calloway Elementary School in Murray, KY on June 1st. Look for more information when sign-ups open on March 31st.

kaee.org/outdoor-learning

Registration now available for Kentucky's full slate of Spring
eeCourses! kaee.org/eecredentials

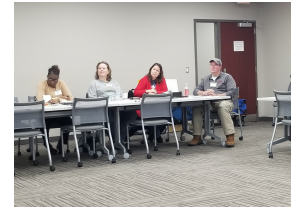
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MISSISSIPPI ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE (MEEA)



Talking, networking, exploring new facilities, fun icebreakers and silly jokes made the MEEA regional meet-ups fun!

MEEA had 5 Regional Gatherings with informal EE providers in late January and early February. The response was overwhelming. The networking that took place was awesome! Most of the attendees stated they would love to have other meetings or small conferences. Many were interested in professional development and networking with each other and teachers. We hope with NAAEE 360 money and the SEEA grant we will be able to provide these events!

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NORTH CAROLINA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS OF NORTH CAROLINA (EENC)



EENC is currently hiring a **Communications and Relationships Manager** to keep our community informed and engaged in EENC's work. This new staff will craft clear and consistent communications so you can stay in the know about how EENC is working to help educators in our state, what's trending in our field, and how our state environmental education community can get involved in opportunities and events. They'll provide our members and donors with a consistently high level of customer service if you have questions or need support. And this staff will help grow our network to increase EENC's impact, reach, and representation across North Carolina. Five years ago, EENC was an all-volunteer organization; once this position is filled, we will have three paid staff members. If your Affiliate would like to learn more about our journey, contact Lauren Pyle
<https://eenc.org/careers>

EENC also offers a variety of professional development programming throughout the year. While we focus on North Carolina educators, educators from across the southeast are welcome to register for these upcoming online opportunities:

- **Universal Design for Learning in Environmental Education** - asynchronous online course, February 20-April 3

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SOUTH CAROLINA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA (EEASC)

Upcoming Events

Green Step Gathering @ The Watershed Ecology Center @ USC Upstate, 2/16-
<https://eeasc.org/event-5126787>

Green Step Gathering @ St. Matthews K8 School, 2/28 - <https://eeasc.org/event-5147629>

Green Step Gathering @ St. John Catholic School, 3/21 - <https://eeasc.org/event-5165848>

Take Action SC & Green Step Schools Training @ St. Helena Branch Library, 6/22 -
<https://eeasc.org/event-5126791>

Award Nominations

Award nominations for educator, non-profit, green business, legislator, and outstanding youth are due April 22, 2023.



Spring Fundraiser
EEASC's spring crowdfunding
fundraiser will launch on March
11. The board's fundraising goal
is \$13,000.

Complimentary Student Memberships

The EEASC board created 20 complimentary student memberships and will distribute them to pre-service educators to build a stronger pre-service pipeline to EEASC.

EEASC 2023 Annual Conference
Inclusivity: Environmental Education for Everyone
June 21-24, 2023
Penn Center, Beaufort, SC
Details: www.eeasc.org/conference
Submit a session proposal by March 1, 2023!



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TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION (TEEA)



2023 SEEA
Conference
Fall Creek Falls
State Park

Registration will open
June 12, 2023

Lodging is already open
- ask for SEEA Block



Proposals are now being accepted for presenters who are interested in sharing their knowledge, research, or skills with educators across the Southeast. Please complete the form at the bottom of this page if you are interested in presenting.

Research Symposium: Thursday, September 21

The Research Symposium is an opportunity for new and experienced researchers to present current research in the environmental field. This provides an opportunity for connection and discussion among environmental educators, as well as a chance to learn about new topics. Researchers will submit a poster to display at the symposium, and are also welcome to submit a proposal for sessions.

Learning Sessions: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning, September 22 - 24

Session Presenters are asked to choose topics relevant to the following threads of focus for the conference:

Equity & Inclusion - advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion; influencing attitudes; equal access to nature and EE; healthy environments and healthy communities for all, etc.

Education in Practice - EE curriculum programs; K-12 education; adult and family education; STEM; green and healthy schools; climate education; place based education, indigenous wisdom, new and innovative projects and/or programs; technology-based learning; hybrid/virtual learning; technology in and out of the classroom; etc.

Community Engagement - community outreach and partnerships; advocacy; EE for schools; governments and municipalities; networking; politics; policy; etc.

Capacity Building - non-profit and EE provider capacity building; cultivating partnerships for increased capacity; program administration; successful boards; grant writing; fundraising; technology and apps for administration and program management; etc.



RESOURCES

SEEA Website: <http://www.southeastee.com/>

2022 SEEA Leadership Team Roster

SEEA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021

ZOOM Video Conferencing available to all SEEA States if needed. Please email Ashley (director@kaee.org) to request date/time.

Resources from NAAEE and the Affiliate Network

eePRO Affiliate Group (NAAEE membership is not required for most eePRO resources) EE

Research Bulletins (EERBs)

eePRO Research & Evaluation group

NAAEE's Research Programs

Children and Nature Network's Research

Applying Systems Thinking for Our Affiliates Webinar

EENC's Environmental Education is Essential Document

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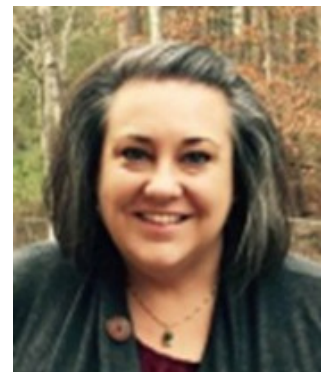
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As always, let us know if you have any concerns or questions, as well as suggestions, about how we can structure these updates to better serve you. Next month please send any news, updates, pictures to

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