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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 14th

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

Call for Proposals

Open

Now through
May 1!



2023 SEEA Conference

Falls Creek Falls State Park

Proposals are now being accepted for presenters who are interested in sharing their knowledge, research, or skills with educators across the Southeast.

Research Symposium: Thursday, September 21

Learning Sessions: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

morning,

September 22 - 24

SEEA is working towards launching Phase 1 & Phase 11
Landscape Analysis surveys in April!

CONGRATULATIONS

*Shoutout to Chanda Cooper from South Carolina... one of
Project Learning Tree's 2023 Leadership in Education
award winners!!!*

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



NAAEE 2023: Together We Thrive

THE CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS IS OPEN!

Submission Deadline: May 5

Save the dates for our 2023 virtual conference:

Research Symposium: October 12

Conference: October 18-20

Workshops & Meetings: October 9-20

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



Apply to join the CEE-Change Fellowship program to learn with a growing network of leaders and complete an environmental education community action project. The 2023 Fellowship program will include a special focus on climate change and education. Visit

<https://bit.ly/CEEChange>
#CEEChange #ee360plus



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



Climate Change Survey Results

NAAEE wants to share the results of the K-12 climate education survey they conducted with Edge Research. The bottom line is that we need to do more to help educators feel more confident integrating climate change across the curriculum, as well as providing easy access to high-quality and relevant resources, strengthen professional development, address the political implications, and more.

https://naaee.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/NAAEE_State%20of%20Climate%20Change%20Education%20Report_SUBMITTED%2012_22%5B1%5D.pdf



Let's Get Outside for 5

What is #OutsideFor5? We are encouraging teachers to incorporate an outdoor lesson or activity at least 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week, or any meaningful amount of time.

NAAEE Affiliates are serving tens of thousands of educators across the continent and our affiliate network is key to taking the #OutsideFor5 message to scale. We are connected with an extensive circuitry of programs, initiatives, and leaders who can help share this message and energize the field. By sharing this message, Affiliates have the opportunity to build their connections with teachers, spread the benefits of environmental education in your local community, and even generate media around our work. Together with NAAEE, and help from public relations experts, Barefoot PR, we have put together a toolkit to make it easy to spread the word.

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

FREE! TUESDAYS 60 mins April - June

Outdoor Learning Spring Virtual Workshop Series!

<p>11 April Resources for Earth Month</p> <p>18 April Taking a Closer Look: Investigations in Nature</p> <p>25 April Nature Activities for Year-round Learning</p> <p>16 May Resources for World Ocean's Day</p>	<p>23 May Race and Nature for Educators</p> <p>30 May How to Teach Nature Journaling: Curiosity, Wonder, Attention</p> <p>6 June Walking Together: (Re)Connecting to Nature through Two-Eyed Seeing</p> <p>13 June Animating Outdoor Learning using Finger Puppets</p>
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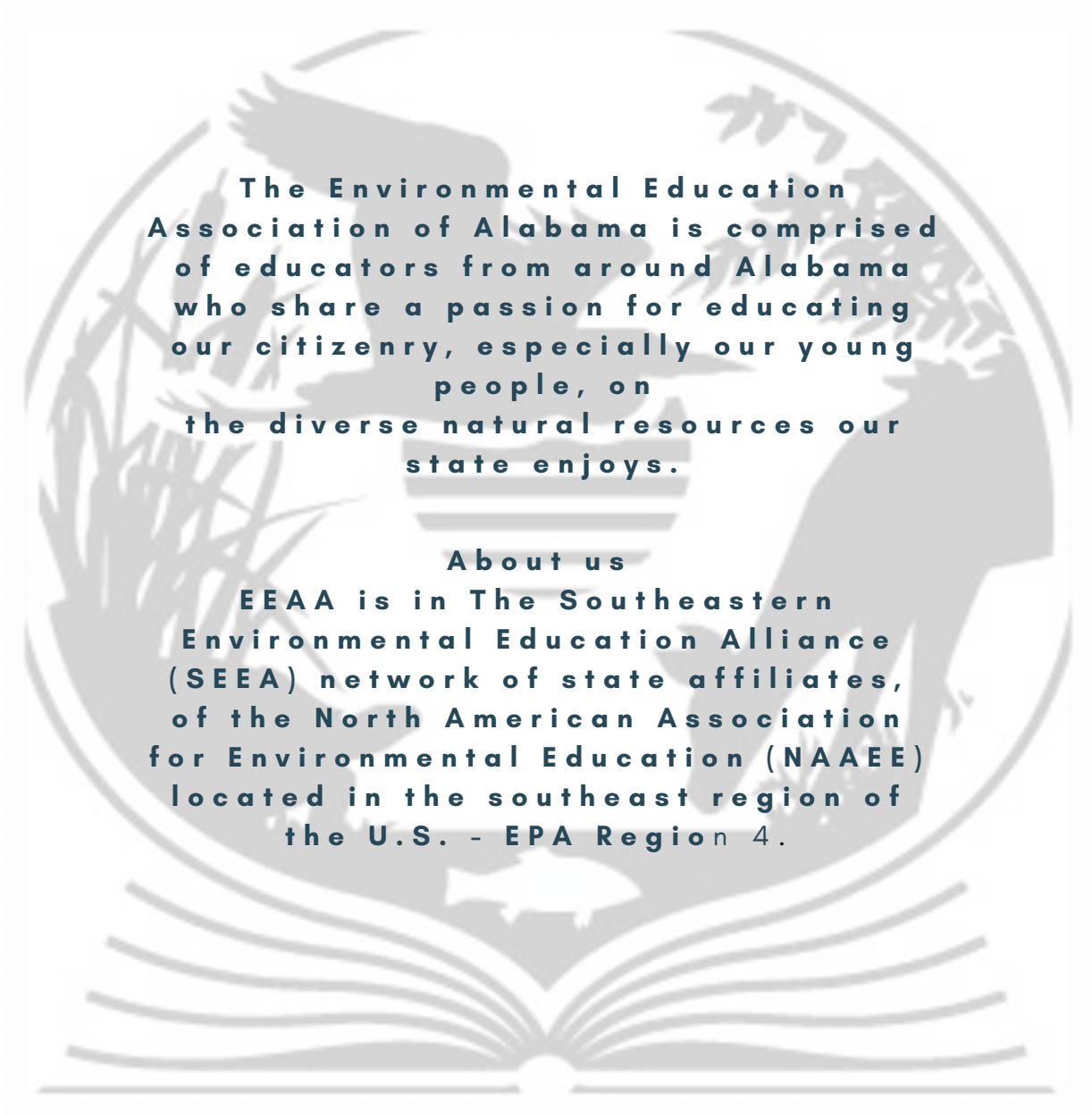
ALABAMA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA (EEAA)

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)



Join us as we gather online to share best practices in Prek12 education, learn new Environmental activities, explore professional development opportunities, honor changemakers in our field, and discover exciting new research! Registration includes a chance to win exciting door prizes from our sponsors.

The Virtual Spring Conference on Saturday April 1 includes 17 presentations in 3 focus areas:

Prek-12 Curriculum and Activities
Local and National Conservation Efforts
Professional Development and Research

Our regional field trips on Sunday April 2 provide a chance to get to know other Environmental Educators in your area!

South: Snack, Slog and Sawsedge – a walking tour in the Florida Everglades, Weston, FL
Central: Lake Kayak Tour – Crooked River, Clermont FL
North: Meet & Greet With Dolphins and a Tour at Marineland – St. Augustine, FL

***LEEF Mini Grants open for applications -
\$2,000 available! Due by 6/30***

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GEORGIA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF GEORGIA (EEA)

*Thanks to all who came out for these exciting
spring EEA events!*



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"




**CLIMATE
EDUCATION
SUMMIT**

Tuesday March 21

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

www.eealliance.org



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)

Call for Proposals Extended for KAAE2023!

The call for proposals for the 47th Annual KAAE Conference has been extended! This year, we'll be live and in person at Cave City Convention Center. Join us and be part of the dynamic and engaging lineup by submitting your session proposal today.

The call for proposals closes April 24th.
<https://forms.gle/dnhtkkQknVhFADc5A>



ENV210: Appalachian Mountain Ecology
April 24 - May 22
Register now!

Join us for one or two days of interactive, professional development in environmental education (EE)!

Day 1 (Monday) will feature our classic Core Curriculum Program Training (CCPT) which includes training in Project Learning Tree, Project WET, and Project WILD, which are all three award-winning EE curriculum programs!

Day 2 (Tuesday) will feature our KAAE Facilitator training workshop which, after completed, allows you to host your own KAAE curriculum workshops in "your neck of the woods!" Both 6 hr workshops will take place at the Glade Visitor Center in the Red River Gorge.

Attend one or both days!

Monday, April 17th | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm ET
Tuesday, April 18th | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm ET



KAAE Outdoor Learning Symposium Registration Opens

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. Register now at kaae.org/outdoor-learning



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

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MISSISSIPPI ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE (MEEA)



Forest County Agriculture High School students doing water quality testing



Hazlehurst Elementary Science Fest



MS Museum of Natural Science
"Go Outdoor Spring Camp"
for K-1st graders



Informal MS EE providers teaching students in the outdoors!



MEEA is working on putting together 2 mini-conferences with the grant money we have from ee360 and SEEA. Professional development and networking were the two ideas that stood out after convening our Regional meetings. We will have the 2 conferences in May. We are hoping to invite teachers along with EE providers.



The Hattiesburg Zoo introduced a new activity-based education and conservation program called *Nature Swap*, which is focused on encouraging young people to immerse themselves in the outdoors as they experience and learn more about nature and its delicate balance. Participants are encouraged to find and bring one to three natural items they are interested in and would like to know more about to the Zoo docents and share how they found the items, where they found them and what they know about them.

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NORTH CAROLINA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS OF NORTH CAROLINA (EENC)

Protecting NC's Science Graduation Requirements

In January, a bill was introduced to the NC House of Representatives that would have eliminated our state's Earth/Environmental Science graduation requirement. EENC took immediate action, activating our community and our partners. Our grassroots efforts were successful in changing this legislation not once, but twice!

Read The Full Story <https://eenc.org/news/13143586>

Environmental Education & NC K-12 Science Standards

The North Carolina K-12 Science Standards are currently being revised. The second draft is currently open for review and will be the final opportunity for public feedback. EENC has been getting the word out to ask as voices as possible complete the survey to ensure EE is a strong part of our state's science curriculum.

Learn More <https://eenc.org/news/13109619>

Expanding EENC Capacity

To be able to take on more projects like these, EENC recently added a new Communications and Relationships Manager position to our staff team. 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 you can get involved in opportunities and events. This frees up other staff and board members to focus on other projects to help advance environmental education in our state. EENC welcomed Grace Baucom to our team last week, and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon!

Upcoming EENC Programs:

- [Pilot EE Programs Guidelines Online Workshop](#) - April 11-18
- [Methods of Teaching EE Online Workshop](#) - May 1-19

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SOUTH CAROLINA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA (EEASC)

Recent Events

- Upcycled/natural art booth at Cottontown Art Crawl - photos attached
- Green Step Gathering @ The Watershed Ecology Center @ USC Upstate
- Green Step Gathering @ St. Matthews K8 School - featured on WLTX News 19:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ckqg6hDMVc>

Upcoming Events

- Green Step Gathering @ St. John Catholic School, 3/21 - <https://eeasc.org/event-5165848>
- Increasing EE Principles in SC Schools, 3/23 - <https://eeasc.org/event-5189054>
- March Midlands + Meetup @ Nature as Teacher Preserve, 3/28 -
<https://eeasc.org/event-5184124>
- Waddell Mariculture Center Tour, 6/21 - <https://eeasc.org/event-5189398>
- History Tour by Queen Quet, 6/22 - <https://eeasc.org/event-5189442>
- 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 has launched and will conclude on April 22nd. The board's fundraising goal is \$13,000.

2023 EEASC Conference
Now Open for Registration!

June 21-24, 2023
St. Helena Island, South Carolina
Visit eeasc.org/conference to learn more and register.

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HELP US MAKE AN IMPACT

EEASC is on a mission to strengthen the profession of environmental education in SC! Your donation will help ensure everyone in SC has access to opportunities to learn more about our state's natural resources and what we can do to conserve them for future generations.

mightycause.com/team/EEASC2023



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TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION (TEEA)



2023 SEEA
Conference
Falls Creek Falls
State Park

Registration will open
June 12, 2023
Lodging is already open
- ask for SEEA Block



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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.



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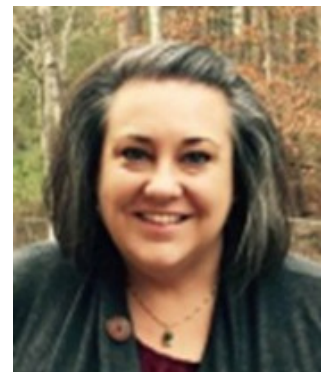
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As always, let us know if you have any concerns or questions, as well as suggestions, about how we can structure these updates to better serve you. Next month please send any news, updates, pictures to

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