



Newsletter

April

2021

National EE Week!!

April 19 – 23, 2021

Check out the National EE Foundation's web site for
[information about EE Week 2021](#)

League of Environmental Educators in Florida

Celebrate our Roots in EE as We Grow Forward

Virtual Conference April 22-24, 2021

Celebrating 40 Years!

[Conference Information](#)

[Registration Information](#)

Environmental Education Association of South Carolina

Environmental Legacy: It's Our Story. Past, Present, and Future.

Virtual Conference June 10-12, 2021

[Conference Information](#)



SEEA Conference 2021

September 10-11, 2021

Hosted by Environmental Educators of North Carolina

[Lutheridge](#)

Arden, NC

*Make sure to check out the conference section below for
more information and updates!*

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.

SEEA Project Updates

Don't Waste It

A group of educators from multiple states have come together for the Online Don't Waste It Steering Committee, tasked with developing the online Moodle course for the Don't Waste It curriculum. States that are participating in the project will be contacted soon about creating their Facilitator Teams, which will be trained via a virtual training in June or a face-to-face training prior to the SEEA Conference in September in North Carolina. If you are interested in being a Don't Waste It Facilitator, please reach out to your state affiliate for more information.

Landscape Analysis

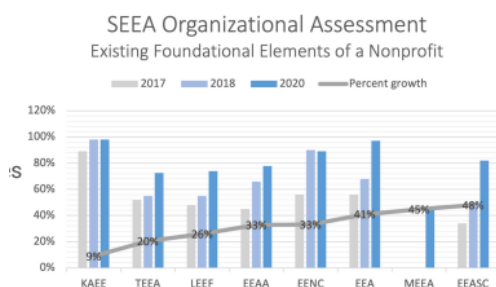
Great work everyone! At the time of this newsletter being sent out, there are close to 500 submissions. Ashley will be working with the state project coordinators to ensure we have program data submitted and matched to providers. After that step, the group will eventually move onto cleaning up the data sets. More to come!

2021 SEEA Conference

EENC is thrilled to be hosting the 2021 SEEA Conference, September 10-11, 2021, at [Lutheridge](#) in Arden, North Carolina. More information will be coming in May, but we wanted to make sure you had these dates on your calendar! The call for proposals will be open by the end of April, and up all conference information and updates can be found online at <https://eenc.org/conference>.

- September 8 (Wednesday): The SEEA Leadership Team in-person meeting and strategic planning
- September 9 (Thursday): Field trips and workshops, including the T3 for Don't Waste It (by invitation only)
- September 10 (Friday): Conference begins
- September 11 (Saturday): Conference end late afternoon

Those looking to make advance flight reservations should investigate flights into the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) which is a short 10 minutes from Lutheridge. The next closest airport is Greenville-Spartanburg (about 1 hour away), then Charlotte-Douglas (about 2 hours away). Lutheridge is conveniently located off of I-26 and I-40.



Missed it last month? Check out the 2020 SEEA Annual Report at the end of this newsletter!

NAAEE Updates

Affiliate Network 2.0 Working Group Updates

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey or took part in the listening sessions around the NAAEE Affiliate Network 2.0 draft goals! The outcome of one final meeting of the Affiliate Network 2.0 Working has led to these final NAAEE Affiliate Network Goals.

The NAAEE Affiliate Network advances environmental literacy to create a more just, equitable and sustainable future. As a network, we collaborate on joint efforts and share learning to:

1. Build and strengthen the capacity of individual Affiliates, the Affiliate Network and NAAEE to advance the field of Environmental Education
2. Center social and environmental justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in our work as environmental educators, individual Affiliates, the Affiliate Network and NAAEE.
3. Elevate and increase support for environmental education through advocacy and shared messaging to magnify the reach and impact of our work.
4. Provide space and opportunity for fostering innovation, shared learning, and addressing emergent issues.

These finalized goals will be shared out with the network in the coming days/weeks through a network wide email, direct email to everyone that responded to the survey or participated in the listening sessions, [posted on eePRO](#), and presented during the [next network-wide community call](#) on April 21.

What is next? **This is your chance to consider your involvement at the Affiliate Network level!** Applications are now open for anyone at the affiliate level to “level up” to the affiliate network level by applying to serve on the Advisory or Working Group.



Advisory Group Expectations:

- Attend quarterly Advisory Group calls
- Adequately prepare for quarterly meetings (reading prereads, answering surveys, etc.)
- Advisory Group members are encouraged to attend the annual Affiliate Workshop at NAAEE Annual Conference. (Please note that often Affiliate scholarship funds are available to offset costs of attending the conference)
- Term Length: 1- 2 Years

Working Group Expectations:

- Attend monthly 2-hour Working Group Calls
 - 1 meeting each year will be an in-person retreat, traveling expenses will be reimbursed.
- Adequately prepare for monthly meetings (reading prereads, answering surveys, etc.)

- Working Group members are encouraged to attend the annual Affiliate Workshop at NAAEE Annual Conference (Please note that often Affiliate scholarship funds are available to offset costs of attending the conference)
- Participation in other Affiliate Network committees or monthly calls is encouraged but not required.
- Term Length: 1-3 Years

The only requirement for either group is applicants must currently serve as a leader within an NAAEE Affiliate organization (Staff, Board, Committee Chair, etc). [More details can be found online in the Affiliate eePRO space](#), including the scope and charge of each group and the applications. This is a great way to learn and network from others across the country and actively work to help advance the network goals.

[Applications for the Advisory and Working groups](#) will be accepted until May 7, 2021. If you are interested and want to learn more, please consider joining Affiliate Network Co-Chairs Katie Navin & Sarah Bodor and Affiliate Network Coordinator Bruce Young for a Question & Answer session on Tuesday, April 20th from 3pm-4pm ET. [Please follow this link to register for this session](#).

Reach out to Affiliate Network Coordinator, [Bruce Young](#), with any questions you may have. In addition, questions and comments can be addressed to the SEEA members that also served on the Affiliate Network Working Group 2.0; Ashley Hoffman (director@kaee.org), Deb Veeder (dveeder@mswf.org), or Renee Strnad (rlstrnad@gmail.com)

Other ways to Engage with the NAAEE Affiliate Network

- Affiliate Network Professional Development Committee
- Affiliate Network Equity & Inclusion Working Group
- Affiliate Network Fund Development Monthly Calls
- Attending Month Affiliate Community Calls

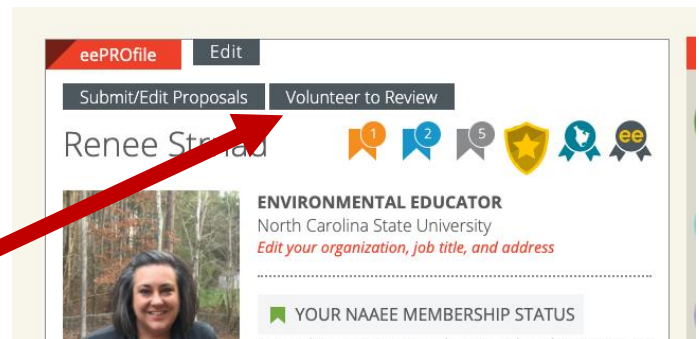
Click the image below view the fabulous **new** affiliate calendar that lists monthly affinity groups, community calls, and committee meetings that constitute the shared learning and activities that are at the core of our work as a network. You can add this calendar to your calendar, too, so you don't miss an event. [Google Calendar Link](#) [Apple Calendar Link](#)



NAAEE 2021 Call for Conference & Research Symposium Presentations

NAAEE's 50th Annual Conference will be virtual and take place over two weeks, October 4-15, 2021. The [Call for Presentations for the general conference](#) is now open, and will close on May 7, 2021. The Research Symposium will be October 7-8, and [information the symposium proposals can be found by following this link](#).

Interested in reviewing proposals during the month of May? You need to have at least five years of experience in the field and a (free) account with NAAEE. Login to your account at naaee.org and click on volunteer to review; it is that easy!



Other Events

Earth Day 2021

April 22, 2021

Check out the resources from EarthDay.Org

[Three Days of Climate Action](#)

[Education Resource Library](#)

We the People: A Leadership Summit on Civic Education

Center for Civic Engagement

Friday, April 23, 2021

7:30 PM EST

[Click here to register](#)

Join the Center for Civic Education and other leading civics organizations for a discussion of the present and future of civic education with speakers. You will hear from Christopher R.

Riano, president of the Center for Civic Education; Dimitry Anselme, executive program director for professional learning and support at Facing History and Ourselves; David Bobb, president of the Bill of Rights Institute; Louise Dube, executive director of iCivics; Elizabeth Clay Roy, chief executive officer of Generation Citizen; Kerry Sautner, chief learning officer for the National Constitution Center; and Amanda Susskind, president of the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

How to Host a Youth Climate Summit

hosted by: The Wild Center's Youth Climate Program

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

4-5 PM EST

[Click here to register](#)

Have you heard about Youth Climate Summits? These exciting, youth-driven events provide opportunities for students to learn about climate change and design their own climate action plans for their schools and communities. With The Wild Center's free resources, you have everything you need to plan and host your own Youth Climate Summit, either in-person or virtually. At this event, learn more about these resources, get advice from other summit organizers, hear from youth leaders who are passionate about taking climate action, and ask the questions to jumpstart your Youth Climate Summit journey!

Green Conversations: Weaving Sustainability into Your Teaching

Green Teacher Webinar

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

7:30-8:30 PM EST

[Click here for webinar registration](#)

No matter the curriculum or subject matter, there is space to infuse sustainability into your teaching. While most people think of sustainability in relation to the sciences, there are numerous opportunities across all subject areas to teach sustainability. In this workshop, participants will use the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a lens through which to examine the books you currently read or to choose new ones to read with your students in order to teach issues of sustainability. Our goal is to make sustainability an everyday conversation and not just a single lesson — because our world needs a new generation of stewards and activists.

Southeasterly Winds



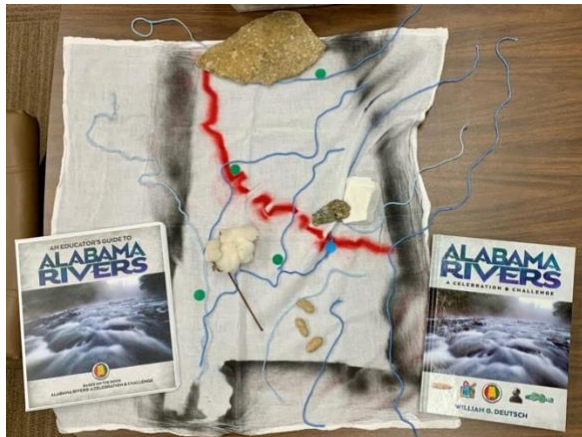
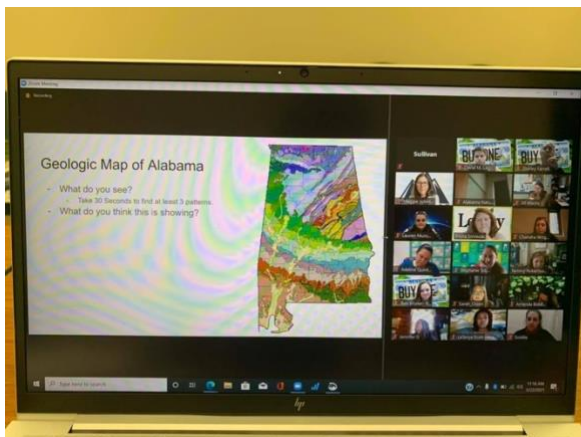
Alabama

Environmental Education Association of Alabama (EEAA)

<https://www.eeaa.us/>

Over 20 participants completed Legacy's First Virtual Mountains To The Gulf Teacher Workshop. Films were produced capturing the essence of the amazing biodiversity and natural wonders of our state. These films were presented to participants who also used Zoom platforms to learn, discuss, and reflect upon classroom-based activities to transfer this knowledge to students statewide. Many EEAA members participated as site experts, guest speakers, facilitators, and moderators to provide the participants with an "almost like being

there experience". A total of 12 sites were selected from across the state, from "the Mountains to the Gulf", for investigation. Each site holds equal prominence in Alabama's amazing natural resource catalog. Teachers also received posters, books, and other resources for use in their classrooms. The virtual format presented unique challenges but Legacy rose to the challenge and provided an experience of a lifetime to these participants!



Florida

League of Environmental Educators in Florida (LEEF)

<https://leef-florida.org/>

LEEF will celebrate our roots in EE as we grow forward; 40 years since our first meeting during [our annual conference](#), April 22-24, 2021! Learn about the amazing work across the state showcasing longer term EE projects or programs, innovative environmental education during the pandemic, and efforts emphasizing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. [Registration](#) for non-member is \$75. Check out their sponsor and partners!

Sponsors and Partners



Georgia

Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia (EEA)

<https://www.eealliance.org/>

Our conference wrapped up in March, and you can learn about all our award winners by visiting our [online video virtual award presentation](#) or scroll to the bottom of our conference page to see the [individual slides of the award winners](#). Congratulations everyone!

To help celebrate Earth Month, EEA has curated activities to help celebrate in the schoolyard, the backyard, or the classroom. You can check out [their list of Earth Month activities online](#).

The EEA virtual book club, *GreenSleeves*, will meet again on Sunday, April 24, from 7-8:15pm. This month's book is *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. [Follow this link for meeting information and register for Zoom meeting links](#).

Join environmental educators at the [Monarchs Across Georgia Workshop](#) on May 22, 2021. This workshop, hosted at Valley Farm at Toccoa Falls College, will cover basic monarch biology and ecology, monarch citizen science projects (Journey North, Project Monarch Health, Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, and Monarch Watch tagging), and creating pollinator habitats. *The Monarchs and More: An Inquiry and Arthropod-Based Curriculum* is the basis for the monarch butterfly studies and schoolyard ecology explorations included in the workshop. Curricula are divided into grade-level specific lessons for K-2, 3-6, and middle school teachers, with a strong interdisciplinary approach incorporating concepts and skills in science, math, reading, writing, art, and social studies. Lessons are congruent with K-8 concept and process standards as outlined in the National Academy of Science's National Science Education Standards (1996) and correlated to the Georgia Performance Standards. Registration is \$30 and also includes membership in EEA. Stephens County Soil and Water Conservation District and Stephens County Farm Bureau are sponsors.

Kentucky

Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE)
<https://www.kaee.org/>

Based on the success of our first workshop, we will be repeating the [Water and Forests Educator Workshop](#) on June 15 & 17. This training is designed for educators focusing on upper elementary and middle grades, and utilizes the Project Learning Tree and Project WET curricula. This workshop is also held virtually. Check out all the details and Join Us!

In an effort to help our members get to know one another, we've started doing more consistent member features on our blog and social media. Feel free to check out the [KAEE blog for monthly features, news, and guest content at kaee.org/news](#).

KAEE will be celebrating their 45th year with a virtual conference, September 23-25, 2021. The theme, *Advancing Environmental Literacy: Adapting with the Next Generation of Learners*, will highlight four strands: Equity and Inclusion, eLearning, EE in Practice, and Organizational Effectiveness. [Call for proposals](#) is open through April 30.



Mississippi

Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance (MEEA)

<https://www.meeainms.org>

With the launching of the website, MEEA has had over 30 organizations added to [our Facilities and Parks](#) page to help connect visitors and educators with EE providers in their region. We also hope to build out to educator resource page, which focuses on four main areas: ecosystems, wildlife, land, and aquatic. We are still growing our board and hope to be involved with more SEEA projects in the future.

North Carolina

Environmental Educators of North Carolina (EENC)

<https://eenc.org/>

Due to the success during 2020 when programming switched to online, EENC is continuing our monthly webinar series. These webinars occur on the third Thursday of the month from 2-3PM EST, are provided free of charge, and are open to anyone. The May 20th webinar, [Environmental Justice in EE](#), will guide participants in ways to incorporate Environmental Justice and JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) into the everyday workings of your organization.

EENC has [curated resources on their web site to assist educators and EE practitioners to help learn and apply equity and inclusion in programs, teaching, and organizations](#). The resources are divided into five categories, and are available to anyone. The listing of resources is pretty immense, so please use this as a resource for your organization, too!

- Making the Case for Equity and Inclusion in EE
- Helping You Learn More: Deeper dives, strategies, and best practices
- Teaching with Equity and Inclusion
- Inspirational People & Stories: Shining a spotlight on amazing work by phenomenal people
- Building Your Network: Organizations, businesses, and agencies

South Carolina

Environmental Education Association of South Carolina (EEASC)

<https://eeasc.org/>

EEASC officially launched its [MightyCause Earth Day Crowdfunding Campaign](#) and the campaign will end on April 24. Board members have set a fundraising goal of \$4,000, and with 10 days left, they are 93% of the way there with \$3770 in donations!

In a follow-up from last month, approximately 107 people attended the spring Pollinator Conservation Webinar co-hosted by EEASC and Champions of the Environment which included mailing educator toolkits to all attendees. If you are in South Carolina, and a member of EEASC, you could be eligible for a \$100 scholarship to attend a Triple Facilitator Training for the Projects Wet, Wild and Learning Tree being held in July. [More information and application](#)

can be found at [this link](#). Lastly, EEASC is co-hosting the [Earth Day Celebration at the Soda City Market](#) in Columbia on April 24th from 9am-1pm.

The [EEASC Annual Conference](#) will be held June 10-12, 2021, with virtual sessions on June 10-11 and face-to-face field trips on June 12. The conference theme is Environmental Legacy: It's Our Story. Past, Present, and Future. The conference will feature two dozen virtual concurrent sessions, a virtual keynote by Dr. David Shelley, and optional face-to-face field trips at five locations through the state. Registration is open and the conference fee \$25.

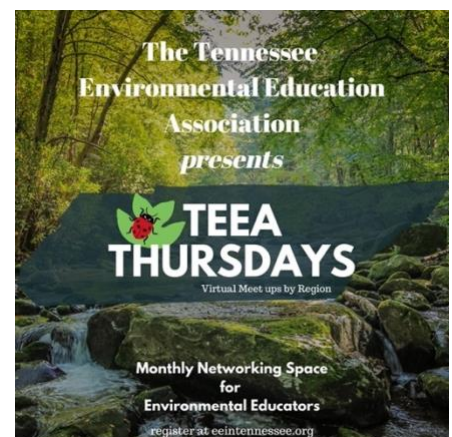


Tennessee

Tennessee Environmental Education Association (TEEA)
<http://eeintennessee.org/>

TEEA is continuing their regional TEEA Thursday Regional Meetings, the first Thursday of every month. The next one is will be on May 6th. Information can be found at on the [TEEA Event Calendar](#) or on their [Facebook page](#).

TEEA will also launched a Book Circle on April 15th. The book they are focusing on is [All We Can Save: Truth Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis](#), Edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson. Hosting a Book Circle was really easy with resources on the web site and you can reach out to [Ansley](#) if you have any questions!



SEEA at Your Service



- Access the SEEA website <http://www.southeastee.com/>
- [2021 SEEA Leadership Team Roster](#)
- SEEA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021
 - Will be revised in the last half of 2021
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PrsEUVFA-2yosIEF75XRxVu6RZT3Uw82-ncr54ZpPRU/edit>
- 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: <https://naaee.org/eeepro/groups/affiliates>
 - NAAEE membership is not required for most eePRO resources
- EE Research Bulletins (EERBs): <https://naaee.org/eeepro/research/eeerb>
- eePRO Research & Evaluation group: <https://naaee.org/eeepro/groups/research-and-evaluation>
- NAAEE's Research Programs: <https://naaee.org/eeepro/research>
- Children and Nature Network's Research: <https://www.childrenandnature.org/learn/research/>
- *Applying Systems Thinking for Our Affiliates* Webinar: <https://youtu.be/2A6vll3Fthc>
- EENC's [Environmental Education is Essential Document](#)

As always, let us know if you have any concerns or questions, as well as suggestions, about how we can structure these updates to serve you better. Please send items for next month (news, updates, pictures) to Renee.

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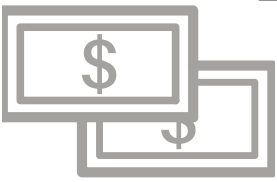
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STATES
\$1000 EACH

Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
Kentucky, Mississippi, North
Carolina, South Carolina, and
Tennessee

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ANONYMOUS
DONOR
\$8000



RETURN ON
INVESTMENT

REGIONAL EE LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS
(\$7500 IN STATE FUNDING)

DON'T WASTE IT CURRICULUM
(\$6000 IN STATE FUNDING)

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND
INCLUSION IN EE COURSE
(\$1500 IN STATE FUNDING)

SEEA MEMBERSHIP ACCELERATOR
REGIONAL SEEA CONFERENCE

STATE-LEVEL SUPPORT

- Shared Staffing Model
- Small Operational Grants
- Crowdfunding Support
- Dave Chase Consulting Services
- One on One State Level Support
- Shared Subscriptions (ZOOM, Quickbooks Made Easy)



SEEA NETWORK GROWTH

We have grown from a disjointed volunteer network with only one staff member across the region to a robust, cohesive team of states with four Executive Directors, six staffed affiliates, and numerous successful collaborations under our belt.

SEEA Organizational Assessment
Existing Foundational Elements of a Nonprofit

