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- [2023 Awards for Excellence Nominations are OPEN!](#)

The Delaware Association for Environmental Education has issued a call for presentation proposals for their 15th Annual Conference to be held February 24 at Fred Fifer Middle School, Camden, Delaware. In order to continue the success of our yearly conference, we once again need YOUR help! We are seeking presentations with a focus on connecting communities to nature and increasing environmental literacy. We always aim for a wide selection of topics for the day that will provide a learning experience and engage a broad spectrum of participants!

**The 2024 conference theme is "Nature Access for ALL!"**

**DAEE is soliciting presentations in the following conference strands:**

- **Connecting People with Nature**
- **Engaging Professionals in Environmental Education**
- **Cultivating Environmental Leaders**
- **Innovative and Inclusive EE**

[Submit your proposals here by December 29!](#)



## **15th Annual DAEE Conference Keynote Speaker: McKay Jenkins**

McKay Jenkins is a journalist, nonfiction writer, and scholar of American studies, specializing in environmental studies and the history, journalism, and literature of race relations and social justice. The Cornelius Tilghman Professor of English, Journalism, and Environmental Humanities, he has been writing about people and the natural world for 35 years. His newest project, a collaboration with colleagues at UD and the Delaware Nature Society, is the creation of the statewide Delaware Master Naturalist Certification Program, designed to train hundreds of environmental restoration volunteers around the state.



## Nominations for the **2023 DAEE Awards for Excellence in Environmental Education** are now open!



**The deadline for submission is  
January 5, 2024.**

The Awards for Excellence in Environmental Education are presented annually to recognize and celebrate individuals or groups in Delaware who represent the best of what environmental education can be and do, ensuring Delaware citizens develop an understanding of the natural world that inspires them to act responsibly moving us toward a more sustainable future.

[Nominations can be submitted here!](#)

### **Awards for Excellence Categories**

- **Exemplary Partnership Award:** This award is presented to a group working in Delaware that demonstrate an outstanding partnership in the environmental field that serves as a model and inspiration to others. Delaware Children in Nature partners, DAEE members and other community groups working together to connect families with meaningful experiences outdoors and healthy lifestyles can amplify their positive effects.
- **Meaningful Impact Award:** This award recognizes accomplishments toward facilitating positive community impacts on conservation, sustainability, and / or career advancement in the environmental field in Delaware.
- **Healthy Innovation Award:** This award recognizes new approaches to connecting children, individuals, and/or families with the outdoors and healthy lifestyles in Delaware.
- **Outstanding Field Educator:** This award is presented to an individual and/or organization working in Delaware who demonstrates outstanding environmental education efforts at the local, regional level and/or global level.

