



15th Annual DAEE Environmental Education Conference

February 24, 2024
Fred Fifer III Middle School
Camden, Delaware
Nature Access for ALL!

8:15 a.m.	Registration, Networking & Silent Auction				
8:45 a.m.	Welcome: Nicole Hill, Caesar Rodney School District Board of Education Morning Announcements: Todd Klawinski, DAEE Chair				
PLENARY SESSION 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: Dr. McKay Jenkins DAEE Annual Business Meeting: Todd Klawinski DAEE Mini-grant Presentation: Erin Ahern, Skyline Middle School				
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break, Networking, Silent Auction				
STRAND	Connecting People with Nature	Connecting People with Nature	EE and Formal Education	Cultivating Outdoor Learning	Innovative and Inclusive EE
Classrooms					
Moderator					
CONCURRENT SESSION I 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. (45 min. session)	Doing the ROT Thing with DSWA Double Session Off-site field trip Andie Errico, Amanda Menasion & Bryn Kolmansberger, DSWA	Journey up the Coast: An Exploration of the Inland and Coastal Bays <i>Jackie Knoll & Lisa Swanger, Delaware Center for the Inland Bays</i>	Science, MWEE's & Social Emotional Learning <i>Bart Merrick, NOAA</i>	Use it or Lose it: How to get the most out of your school garden space <i>Shandra Furtado, SNAC Garden Foundation</i>	Big Ideas! & No Budget... <i>Kara Okonewski, DAEE Board of Directors</i>
11:30-11:45 a.m.		Break, Networking, Silent Auction			
CONCURRENT SESSION II 11:45 - 12:30 p.m. (45 min. session)		What We Need To Know About Tick-borne Diseases <i>Marilyn Williams, Lyme Disease Association of Delmarva</i>	Branching Out: UD Lab School's Urban Nature Model <i>Katie Pollock, Kristen Chandler, & Dorit Radnai-Griffin, UD Lab School</i>	Funding Schoolyard Conservation <i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Making Watershed Education & Stewardship Accessible for Middle School Students <i>David Kline, Stroud Water Research Center</i>
12:30-1:15 p.m.	LUNCH				
PLENARY SESSION 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.	DAEE Environmental Literacy and Communities in Nature Network: Cynthia Gober & Todd Klawinski DAEE Awards for Excellence: Ashley Melvin & Sonia Saunders				
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Break, Networking, Silent Auction				
CONCURRENT SESSION III 2:15 - 3:00 p.m. (45 min session)	Let's Go Outside: Endless Discoveries Across the State of Delaware <i>Katie Pollock, UD Lab School & Christine Skrobot, DIEEC</i>	80 Years of Vigilance: The Story of Smokey Bear <i>Ashley Melvin, Delaware Forest Service</i>	Recent Environmental Literacy Initiatives in Delaware <i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	Developing Outdoor Learning Spaces While Improving Schoolyards <i>Tara Muenz, Stroud Water Research Center</i>	Tears of the Kingdom & Sludge: Environmental Disaster & the Hope for Survival <i>Eleanor Carver, University of Delaware</i>
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Break, Networking, Silent Auction closes at 3:15 p.m.				
CONCURRENT SESSION IV 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. (45 min session)	Connecting People with Nature Through Art <i>Amy Sypher & Sara Tideman, Delaware State Parks</i>	Talking Trash: A School Year-long Approach to Marine Debris <i>Jackie Knoll & Lisa Swanger, Delaware Center for the Inland Bays</i>	Bringing the Amazon Rainforest Home <i>Ashley Carter, Millsboro Middle, Joseph Parrett, Colonial SD, Jon Cox, UD</i>	Keystone Species for Pollinator Gardens <i>Leah Brooks, Mt Cuba Center</i>	Cultivating Community Connections to Improve Outdoor Education <i>Jen Cipolla & Rachel Terracin, Healthy Food for Healthy Kids Teresa Price, DAEE</i>
4:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Break, Networking, Pay for Silent Auction items				
PLENARY SESSION 4:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks & Evaluations				
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Networking & Silent Auction Pickup				