

Delaware Association for Environmental Education
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The Delaware Association for Environmental Education (DAEE) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization run by dedicated volunteers who are professionals in their field. We are working to increase environmental literacy (ELit) across the state of Delaware. Our mission is to promote environmental education (EE) and meaningful outdoor experiences to create positive community impacts that lead to the conservation and sustainability of Delaware's natural resources.

Our 15th Annual Conference will be held on February 24, 2024 at Fred Fifer III Middle School in Camden, Delaware. The DAEE annual conference provides professional development, networking opportunities, teacher scholarships, grants for local environmental programs, excellence in education recognition and critical hands-on experiences. This day-long event provides educators from a variety of backgrounds opportunities, resources, the latest in best practices, and a renewed passion to help foster environmental stewardship in the First State.

We are excited to bring in Dr. McKay Jenkins (professor, author, restoration ecologist, and urban farmer) as our conference keynote speaker. Dr. Jenkins has reached audiences by writing about people and the natural world for 35 years, with excellent professional presentations. We anticipate a full house!

DAEE depends on Sponsorships from individuals and organizations like yours to make this conference such a success every year. Our Sponsorship program offers a range of levels for your financial consideration. Your Sponsorship is tax-deductible. Depending on your level of commitment, Sponsorships can include free vendor space, free event tickets (to use or give away), advertising opportunities, and more! Please see the enclosed Sponsorship materials, or scan the QR code below, for more information.

Please reach out if you have any questions about the DAEE Annual Conference or how to get more involved in your community, increasing ELit for all Delawareans. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd Klawinski

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15th Annual Environmental Education Conference



Saturday, February 24, 2024

Fred Fifer III Middle School, Camden, Delaware

Nature Access for ALL!

Keynote Speaker: Dr. McKay Jenkins

Professor, Author, Restoration Ecologist, Urban Farmer

University of Delaware

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Professor of English

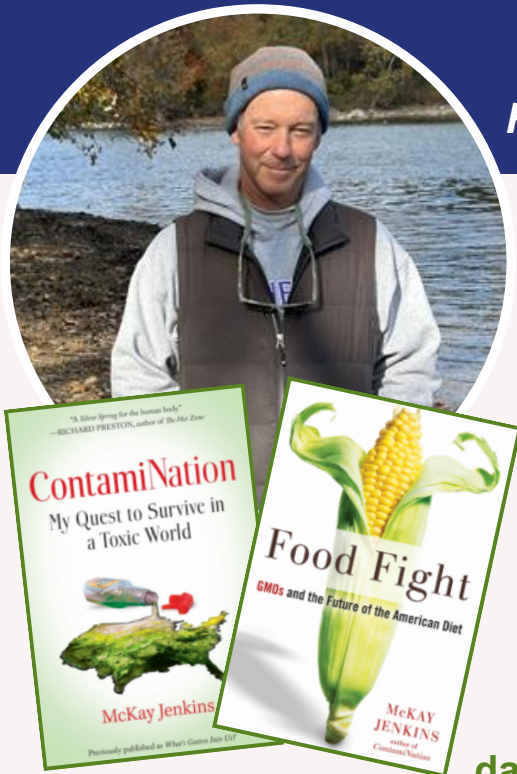
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2024 DAEE Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

✓ Yes, I want to support environmental literacy and continuing education for our teaching professionals! Every sponsor receives the following: FREE exhibit space at the conference, tickets to the event (see below), advertisements on the event brochures and DAEE website, and more!

	Acorn Advocate.....	\$250	2 FREE tickets
	Sprout Supporter.....	\$500	4 FREE tickets
	Friend of the Forest.....	\$1,000	6 FREE tickets
	Canopy Champion.....	\$2,000	10 FREE tickets

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DAEE is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization run by passionate volunteers.

We rely on donations and sponsorships to fund our actions that create and support meaningful outdoor experiences for Delawareans. Thanks for your support!



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Fred Fifer III Middle School
Camden, Delaware
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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 <i>Andie Errico, Amanda Menasion & Bryn Kolmansberger, DSWA</i>	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				