

Fall Quarterly News



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Upcoming Events

10th Annual Conference

Saturday, February 23

Las Americas Aspira Academy

Newark, DE

Be on the lookout for the Call for Presentations next week!



DELWARE ASSOCIATION for ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Our 10th Annual Conference

SAVE THE DATE



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Cindy Ross
Author
The World is Our Classroom

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019
Las Americas ASPIRA Academy
NEWARK, DELAWARE

DAEEONLINE.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

DAEE News

Survey Alert!

The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Service and Delaware Nature Society are in the process of establishing a statewide Master Naturalist Certification Program, and would like to know your interests, capacities and needs!

Many states around the country have developed a fee-based Master Naturalist Certification Program to train hundreds of Citizen Scientists, environmental educators, and volunteer restoration ecologists. Once students complete 60-hour training sessions (typically spread over 3-9 months), they then contribute 40 hours of volunteer time annually to educational, restoration, or research work at sites all over the state.

As they begin building a program for the state of Delaware, they would like to hear your thoughts about a few things.

Please take a minute to complete the following survey

https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hSpM4dSmEXeSFL

Tracking Biodiversity at Delaware Schools



iNaturalist.org provides a useful tool for teachers, students, and partners to record observations of plant and wildlife species at their schools. The iNaturalist community at large using the site can also help you

identify your observations that include a picture. DAEE members are developing and promoting a project site on iNaturalist.org so together we can track biodiversity on school properties throughout Delaware and bring together those interested in schoolyard habitats as learning tools. The project is called the “**Delaware Schoolyard Biodiversity Project.**” Just go to iNaturalist.org, sign up (free and easy), join the Delaware Schoolyard Biodiversity Project, and then start recording observations and learning about observations at other schools. We’re looking for ideas how to develop the project, promote it, and make it useful to interested parties, please provide feedback on the project by contacting brian_marshall@fws.gov.

[Fact Sheet for Delaware Schoolyard Biodiversity Project](#)

Upcoming Workshops, Events and Conferences

Blackbird Creek Fall Festival

October 20, 10 am- 4 pm

Blackbird Creek Reserve, Townsend, DE

[More info here](#)



Caesar Rodney School District 2nd Annual Children in Nature Day

October 25

Fifer Middle School

Caesar Rodney School District is hosting its 2nd annual *Children in Nature Day Celebration* on **October 25**. This year our event is being hosted at **Fifer Middle School**. We want to highlight as many of our non-formal education partners as possible and invite you to attend, set up a table and/or interactive activity (even better!) for the day. Please contact Todd Klawinski directly with any questions or to let me know if we can count on you to enrich our big day!

todd.klawinski@cr.k12.de.us

Delaware Invasive Species Council Annual Meeting

October 30, 8 am- 3 pm

Ashland Nature Center

The Delaware Invasive Species Council’s annual meeting covers a full range of invasive species, including aquatic and terrestrial plants, animals and pathogens that impact native species and threaten Delaware’s natural resources, economy, and quality of life. Join government agencies, academic institutions, non-profit organizations, community leaders and others in strengthening awareness of invasive species prevention and management through information sharing and collaboration at the meeting! Pre-registration required, no registrations can be accepted at the door.

[Register here](#)

Nanticoke Watershed Alliance 2 Free Educator Workshops Watersheds and Their Inhabitants & Project Wild Aquatic

November 7 & 10

Seaford HS and Trap Pond State Park

[Registration and Information here](#)

Dollars and Sense of Safeguarding Community Character in the Brandywine Valley

October 29, 6-9 pm

The Pilot School, Wilmington, DE

Join us for this special presentation by Ed McMahon, a leading national expert on creating and sustaining livable and prosperous communities. Mr. McMahon is a noted author, attorney, and lecturer with expertise in economic development, tourism marketing, and historic preservation and has worked with communities across the country and world.

Attendees will learn about the economic, social and environmental benefits of protecting “sense of place”, as well as the value of a community’s open space and historic resources. Learn about significant tools that can be used to protect community character, including education, voluntary initiatives, non-regulatory actions, and alternatives to conventional residential and commercial planning and development. The session will address the challenges in preserving a community’s sense of place and ways to generate public support and the political will to use available tools.

[Register for this free event by October 19](#)

Environmental Programs

Delaware Green Teacher

[Write an Article for Green Teacher!](#)

Dr. Dean Goodwin is the Regional Editor (Delaware) for the Green Teacher publication which comes out four times a year. If you would like to submit an article for consideration in one of the upcoming issues, please contact him at deangoodwin@tatnall.org. It would be wonderful to have some of the exciting environmental education that is going on in Delaware to be highlighted in the publication.

You can check out Green Teacher at www.greenteacher.com. Here you can find free webinars and a digital archive of previous issues. If you are not familiar with the magazine I encourage you to look at their website and maybe consider a subscription for you or your organization. I am very happy to represent Green Teacher in Delaware, and I hope you consider sharing your work in the publication.-

Dr. Dean Goodwin

[Find Free Webinars for subscribers of Green Teacher](#)

<https://greenteacher.com/webinars/>

Delaware Nature Society Programs

DNS provides high-quality, professionally taught and exciting programming for all age ranges and for novices and professionals. Get outdoors and discover! <http://tinyurl.com/lh8ho4n>.

Delaware Museum of Natural History Events

The Delaware Museum of Natural History's mission is to excite and inform people about the natural world through exploration and discovery. Visit www.delmnh.org/events/ for an online calendar and more information.

Community Overnight: Halloween Edition

Saturday, October 27, 6 p.m. to Sunday, October 28, 8 a.m.

Come in costume (or pajamas) to spend a fun Night at the Museum! Meet some of our creepiest critters throughout the Museum including exhibits, live animal encounters and preserved creatures. While our scientists are away, we'll sneak into their laboratories to discover their hidden experiments and specimens through a candle light tour designed for all ages. Take a spooky night-hike with DMNH staff among our trails ending with marshmallows roast over a campfire, weather dependent. Settle down to sleep with the dinosaurs, in the dark of the African Watering Hole, or out under the starry night sky. We'll gently wake you up with a complimentary breakfast.

Be sure to pack: sleeping bags, flashlights, toothbrushes, tooth paste, pillows, and whatever else you may need to stay the night. Pre-registration required.

\$15/DMNH Members, \$25/Non-members

Night at the Museum & Star Party

Saturday, November 3, 5 - 8 p.m.

Enjoy a family friendly Saturday evening at the Museum's after hours event! Visit our newest traveling exhibit, *From Here to There*, our Museum galleries, science labs with experiments, games, crafts and activities as well as our children's Nature Nook and more. At 6 p.m., things will go dark as the Delaware Astronomical Society will lead a discussion about why we need the dark, how to mitigate light pollution and what you can do to help. Afterwards we'll head outdoors in hopes of viewing the Fall/Winter constellations including "the great square of Pegasus" and taking a final look at the "summer triangle or navigation triangle!" Snacks, beverages (including adult beverages) will be available for purchase. FREE for DMNH Members or with paid admission to the Museum.

Soapstone Carving

Sunday, November 11, 1- 4 p.m.

Learn how to carve soapstone with modern tools and the tools American Indians would have used. A number of items can be made with the soap-stone cobbles from local streams near Indian quarries, ranging from amulets to masks to soapstone lamps. Students choose what they want to make.

Guest Instructor: Dan Coates.

Class Limit: 12 Adults.

Registration deadline: November 4, 2018.

\$45 for DMNH and DMS Members, \$54 for non-members.

Merry Museum Night featuring the film: The Polar Express

Saturday, December 8, 5:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.

All aboard for a night of snowy wonder at DMNH. Enjoy a variety of fun and interactive winter themed games, crafts, activities and snacks including a scavenger hunt for the lost ticket, hot chocolate lab, snow angel making, snow flake art and more...all dressed in your pajamas. The featured film, *The Polar Express*, will be playing at various locations throughout the Museum.

Pre-registration suggested, walk-ins welcome if space is available.

\$5/DMNH Member, \$10/Non-members

Discovery Days at DMNH

Thursday to Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Bring family and friends to the Museum for a much-needed post-holiday break and a day of DISCOVERY! The Museum's annual four day event will feature partner organizations, live animals, games, crafts, activities, science stops, learning stations, and so much more! Food trucks will be available for food, snack, and beverage purchases.

Fee: \$5/DMNH Members, \$12/Non-members, Free/children 2 and under FREE for DMNH Sustaining, Patron, Gold Patron, and Benefactor Members

Delaware State Park Programs

Visit www.destateparks.com for a complete listing of events.

Curricula & Professional Development

NSTA Virtual Conference

December 1, 10 am- 2pm

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education is on everyone's mind. By coordinating science and math courses with technology and engineering courses, teachers can give students a better understanding of the world in which they live. Few of today's students understand the way in which these fields benefit our society or the variety of career opportunities that are available to them.

Register **before November 9 and save \$10!**

[Register here](#)

Earth Science Week is Happening Now! Find your Online Toolkit here

[Online Toolkit](#)

Outdoor Classroom Day

November 1

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Find out more here: <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/>

EE and Science for Visually Impaired Students

[Find Resources Here](#)

#IWonderWILD

Ever wonder why a snake sheds its skin? Or why otters hold hands? Now you can find out! Students can submit a question about North American wildlife and possibly have a wildlife specialist respond to it. Submit a question on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using #IWonderWILD and your question may be chosen. One question a week from October 15th - November 16th will be chosen. Start writing and submitting your questions now!

<https://www.fishwildlife.org/projectwild/iwonderwild>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology Free Webinars and eBird course

BirdSleuth offers a variety of free webinars each month open to all educators. All these fun and interactive webinars provide background content, highlight new and relevant educational resources, and allow discussion for successful implementation of such information and activities. Each webinar is roughly 45 minutes with 15 minutes allocated for questions. <http://www.birdsleuth.org/free-webinars/#ELA>

eBird Essentials Course

This free ebird course guides you through how to get the most out of your eBirding experiences and invites you to become a part of this worldwide project.

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/courses/ebird-essentials/>

Grants

Scholarships for Educator Academy in the Amazon

Deadline: February 1

The Educator Academy in the Amazon Rainforest takes place July 1-11, 2019 and is a transformational, cross-curricular professional development workshop for educators to use and learn instructional approaches and protocols while exploring one of the world's most important natural resources - the Amazon Rainforest. [More information here](#)

Interesting Websites to Visit

A New Collective Ebook from Cornell Lab of Ornithology, supported by EECapacity

Download in English:

[ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN LATINO COMMUNITIES: SHARING EXPERIENCES](#)

Download in Spanish:

[EDUCACIÓN AMBIENTAL EN COMUNIDADES LATINAS: COMPARTIENDO EXPERIENCIAS](#)

Generation Wild: <https://generationwild.com/>

Lessons worth Sharing- TED-Ed: <https://ed.ted.com/lessons>

Successful STEM Education Resources: www.successfulstemeducation.org/resources

Job/Volunteer Announcements

National Hiring Event at Cabelas and Bass Pro Shops

October 18

<https://www.basspro.com/shop/en/career-opportunities>

Marine Education Specialist

Delaware Sea Grant

<https://www.deseagrant.org/work-with-us/>

Volunteer Manager

Brandywine Creek State Park and White Clay Creek State Parks

<https://delawarestatejobs.com/>

Lead Horticulturalist

Delaware Center for Horticulture

<https://www.thedch.org/who-we-are/careers-internships>

Various Full-Time and Part-time Positions

Delaware Nature Society

<http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/Employment>

Director of Horticulture

Mount Cuba Center

www.mtcubacenter.org/employment/

Executive Director

Friends of Wilmington State Parks

<https://www.indeedjobs.com/friends-of-wilmington-parks/jobs/dfcd161d1403e7e6c9c1>

Director of Oiled Wildlife Programs

Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research

<https://www.conservationjobboard.com>

PAEE Jobs Board

<http://www.paee.net/ee-job-postings.html>

NAI Region 2 Jobs Board

<http://www.nairegion2.org/job-postings.html>

NMEA Postings Page

<http://www.marine-ed.org/general/custom.asp?page=opportunities>

Delaware Green Jobs

<http://delaware.greenjobs.net/>

NAAEE NEWS

Imagine If Podcast

Imagine If is a podcast about climate resiliency, where we hear stories from high school students who are experiencing the real-life impacts of climate change and trying to find solutions in their communities. And then we pass them the mic to ask experts about how to tackle these global challenges. <https://imagineif.naaee.org/>

Use the World Climate Simulation and Make a Difference!

The World Climate simulation shows that it enables participants to develop

- critical and strategic thinking skills
- systems thinking skills
- effective communication, public speaking and negotiating skills
- knowledge of relevant STEM concepts

There's now a new study that provides evidence that shows **81% of diverse participants who have engaged in the World Climate role play simulation gained increased motivation to combat climate change, regardless of their political orientation.** We certainly need more people with motivation to combat climate change.

<https://naaee.org/eepr/blog/use-world-climate-simulation-and-make>

[Join NAAEE's eePRO community](#) to network with environmental education professionals around the world.

Delaware Association for Environmental Education

promotes environmental and outdoor education to facilitate positive community impact on the conservation and sustainability of Delaware's Resources.

Visit DAEE at <http://daeeonline.org>



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