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## Upcoming Events

### DAEE Sponsored Events



**PLT's Mission**

PLT uses the forest as a "window on the world" to increase students' understanding of our complex environment; to stimulate critical and creative thinking; to develop the ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues; and instill the confidence and commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment.



**Project WILD's Mission**

Project WILD's mission is to provide wildlife-based conservation and environmental education that fosters responsible actions toward wildlife and related natural resources.



The National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education has developed a series of guidelines that set the standards for high-quality environmental education. NAAEE is taking the lead in establishing guidelines for the development of balanced, scientifically accurate, and comprehensive environmental education programs and materials.

# Environmental Education for Early Childhood Joint Workshop



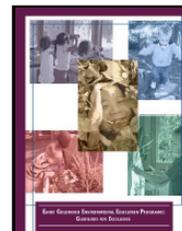
**August 23, 2017 9:00 am—3:00 pm**



**BLACKBIRD STATE FOREST EDUCATION CENTER**

**TOWNSEND, DE**

Join us for an early childhood joint workshop showcasing the premier environmental education programs **Project Learning Tree: Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood, Project WILD: Growing up WILD** and NAAEE's Early Childhood Environmental Education Programs: **Guidelines for Excellence**. Participants will receive all three guides, a one-year membership to the Delaware Association for Environmental Education (DAEE) and lunch!



**WORKSHOPS GOALS :**

- Define effective practices for teaching children about nature
- Learn how to use all three program guides
- Participate in selected activities
- Develop a plan to integrate environmental education into your existing curriculum and programs
- Update on the initiatives of Delaware's Children in Nature Coalition and Delaware Association for Environmental Education



Sign-up today, this workshop will be capped at 20 people. Pre-registration required at:  
<https://ee4ec.eventbrite.com>  
This workshop is being offered at no-cost through sponsorship from the Delaware Forest Service, Delaware State Parks and the Delaware Association for Environmental Education (DAEE).

There is a minimum number of registrations required for this workshop to occur. Contact [Claire.Mickletz@state.de.us](mailto:Claire.Mickletz@state.de.us) with interest.

## Introduction to Program Evaluation

Tuesday September 12, 2017, 2-5 pm

**Location:** DuPont Environmental Education Center, 1400 Delmarva Lane, Wilmington DE 19801

As environmental educators we share a common, overarching goal to instill an understanding and appreciation of the natural world in our program participants so that they will be connected to nature and more willing to help protect it. We spend hours developing and refining activities to meet these goals, but how well do we understand our

effectiveness and if we are achieving our desired impact, and how can we get information to help us improve our programs. Join the Delaware Association for Environmental Education as we welcome Dr. Rachel Becker-Klein of PEER Associates for an introduction to thoughtful design that supports meaningful evaluation of outdoor programming. This workshop will help promote understanding of evaluation planning and overview the diversity of methods and techniques to assist you in reviewing and improving your own lessons. Rachel has been working at PEER Associates since 2005 where she has been involved in evaluation and research projects related to environmental, place-based and STEM education. She has focused on creating embedded and authentic assessment tools and toolkits that organizations can use to build their internal evaluation capacity and become learning organizations. [PEER Associates](#) is based in Vermont and specializes in evaluating and researching existing programs, leading organization development and strategic planning initiatives, and collaborating on the design and building of new programs. A Delaware resident, Rachel enjoys going on walks with her dog and family at the Ashland Nature Center and other places around the area.

Registration required. \$20 per person. Minimum 12 participants, maximum 30. **Registration deadline September 1, 2017**

For registration information or questions, contact David Pragoff, School and Group Programs Team Leader, Delaware Nature Society at [davidp@delnature.org](mailto:davidp@delnature.org) or 302-239-2334 ext.133

## DAEE News

### Pond, Paddle and Mill Tour Recap

We had a great time paddling at Abbott's Mill on May 31.



photo by Rick Mickowski

## Upcoming Workshops, Events and Conferences

### Magical Monarchs Workshop, August 1-2

Save the Date! Magical Monarchs Workshop on August 1-2, 2017 at the Blue Ball Barn in Alapocas Run State Park. For more information contact Kate Calais at [kathleen.calais@state.de.us](mailto:kathleen.calais@state.de.us). The workshop is geared to both teachers and non-formal educators.

**Save the Date! Teachers on the Estuary: Delaware Bay Discovery at the St. Jones Reserve in Dover, DE, August 1-3, 2017.** For more information contact Maggie Pletta, Education Coordinator DNERR at [Margaret.Pletta@state.de.us](mailto:Margaret.Pletta@state.de.us).

Delaware Sea Grant Upcoming Workshops



Based out of the UD-Lewes campus, Delaware Sea Grant will be running the following summer workshop opportunities for Delaware teachers and informal educators. For more information on any of these programs, please contact Christopher Petrone at [petrone@udel.edu](mailto:petrone@udel.edu).

### **August 8-10, 2017 – Robotics and Photogrammetry**

University of Delaware Hugh R. Sharp Campus, Lewes, DE

Scientists are now using a host of autonomous and semi-autonomous systems to collect data on land, in the air, and in the water. One Sea Grant project is measuring changes to beaches due to coastal storms, using aerial drones, autonomous kayaks, and other robotics. Data collected from these systems are then used to evaluate changes in beach width and slope, sediment structure, and vegetation. Learn how these systems operate, and help the researchers collect more data. Clock hours will be awarded.

Free for middle and high school teachers and informal educators from Delaware (others will be considered).

### **Environmental Advocacy: Advocacy for All**

**September 15, 2017**

Sponsored by Association of Conservation Executives and Association of Nature Center Administrators with support from Marshall & Sterling Insurance

Location: Churchville Nature Center in Churchville, PA

Date: Friday, September 15, 2017

Time: 9am - 3:15pm

Advocacy is education:

- 501(c)3 organizations can advocate
- Advocacy is not only lobbying
- You are already doing it

Our environment and the laws that protect it are facing challenges not seen in almost 50 years. We all care deeply for our natural environment. Now more than ever needed to have your voice heard. It is time to examine our approaches for advocating for the environment, whether it be a gentle reminder to students, an issue focused program for the public or a concerted effort to influence policy or create protective legislation in our communities. See what environmental advocacy can look like in your organization. Learn:

- Clear examples how to sharpen your advocacy tools
- What you can do if you are a government-related entity or a nonprofit
- How we can make a difference in day-to-day programming without adding additional resource expenditures
- Your legal allowances and limitations

Information and a link to registration may be found at <http://associationofconservationexecutives.org/calendar.html>

### **Save the Date! Virginia Environmental Education Conference**

October 10-12, 2017

Front Royal, VA

<https://vae.wildapricot.org/2017-VAEE-Conference>

## **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](mailto: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](http://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

## Delaware Sea Grant Events

### October 1, 2017 – 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Coast Day

University of Delaware Hugh R. Sharp Campus, Lewes, DE

Coast Day highlights how UD scientists, staff, and students are improving understanding of ocean environments and serving coastal communities. Coast Day attendees can interact with researchers, tour ships, try hands-on activities, and attend presentations on a range of topics.

Family-friendly activities include an event-wide treasure hunt for answers to questions about the environment and Coast Day exhibits. Children can meet sea-dwelling animals such as horseshoe crabs and dogfish sharks at the critter touch tanks. Everyone can enjoy live music, vendor displays, and seafood favorites showcased by local chefs at the Crab Cake Cook-Off and the Seafood Chowder Challenge.

This year's **FREE** event will feature a tour of the new Robotic Discovery Lab, where you will see remotely operated vehicles, autonomous underwater vehicle, drones, and a wealth of other high-tech equipment.

For more information, visit [www.decoastday.org](http://www.decoastday.org).

## 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>.

## Upcoming Events from the Brandywine Zoo

The Brandywine Zoo offers a variety of educational programming for all ages. For more information, please visit [BrandywineZoo.org](http://BrandywineZoo.org) to see our online calendar or register for a program.

## 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/](http://www.delmnh.org/events/) for an online calendar and more information.

## Bombay Hook Events

Visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay\\_Hook/Events.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay_Hook/Events.html) for the latest events.

- September 9, Monarch Tagging, 2-3:30 pm
- September 30, National Public Lands Day, entrance fees waived

## Mt. Cuba Center Classes & Programs

[www.mtcubacenter.org/calendar](http://www.mtcubacenter.org/calendar)

## State Park Programs

Visit [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com) for a complete listing of events.

## Center for the Inland Bays

Visit [www.inlandbays.org/events/](http://www.inlandbays.org/events/) for upcoming events.

# Curricula & Professional Development

## Earth Science Week, No Child Left Inside Event Guide

[Download A Guide for Organizing Your Outdoor Earth Science Event](#)

## EE and Science for Visually Impaired Students

[Find Resources Here](#)

## Delaware Audubon Society

Do you know an Elementary School Teacher looking for some great environmental education materials from the experts at National Audubon Society? Delaware Audubon will provide the Audubon Adventures standards-based science content, lessons, and hands-on exercises about birds, wildlife, and their habitats **FREE OF CHARGE** to any Delaware Teacher. Please share this with any Grade 3-5 teacher you know in case they may be interested.

More information is available at :<http://www.delawareaudubon.org/education/index.html>

## Cornell Lab of Ornithology Free Webinars

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>

## Grants

### US Forest Service & NAAEE 2017 Young Professionals Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship

Deadline: August 15

The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) is seeking to support 6 young professionals from racially or ethnically diverse backgrounds to attend:

NAAEE's 46th Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 18th – 21st, 2017

<https://naaee.org/eeopro/opportunities/us-forest-service-naaee-2017-young>

## 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/>

A Teacher's Guide to Delaware's State Parks: <http://tinyurl.com/ohwtfmv>

Successful STEM Education Resources: [www.successfulstemeducation.org/resources](http://www.successfulstemeducation.org/resources)

## Job/Volunteer Announcements

### Various Full-Time and Part-time Positions

Mount Cuba Center

[www.mtcubacenter.org/employment/](http://www.mtcubacenter.org/employment/)

### Various Full-Time and Part-time Positions

Delaware Nature Society

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

### Physical Plant Maintenance Supervisor

Delaware State Parks

<https://www.jobaps.com/DE/sup/BulPreview.asp?R1=072017&R2=MCCK06&R3=400300>

### Internships: Entomology Lab Assistants

Stroud Water Research Center

[http://www.stroudcenter.org/jobs/internships\\_entomology.shtm](http://www.stroudcenter.org/jobs/internships_entomology.shtm)

### PAEE Jobs Board

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

### MAEOE Jobs Page

<http://maeoe.org/jobs-new/>

### NMEA Postings Page

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

**Delaware Green Jobs**

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

## NAAEE NEWS

**Annual Conference, October 18-21, 2017**

San Juan, Puerto Rico

**2017 Conference Registration Open**

Visit [naaee.org/conference](http://naaee.org/conference)

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

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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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