

Delaware Association for Environmental Education

Latest News and Upcoming Events

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### **DAEE News**

### **Annual Conference- Powered By Nature**

Register now for the 9th Annual Conference, **early bird registration ends January 27!** <a href="http://2018daeeconference.eventbrite.com">http://2018daeeconference.eventbrite.com</a>

The conference fee includes morning refreshments, access to all of the sessions and exhibitors, lunch and a one-year membership in the Delaware Association for Environmental Education.

Unable to make the conference this year? You can renew your membership for 2018 for just \$25 at the same link: <a href="http://2018daeeconference.eventbrite.com/">http://2018daeeconference.eventbrite.com/</a>.

#### 2018 Conference Keynote Speaker

We are excited and honored to have Connie Hendricks, Head of School at <u>The Jefferson School</u> in Georgetown, DE. She has over 24 years of experience in education with a love for teaching.

#### **Board Of Directors Election**

The BOD consists of 10-24 persons primarily representing formal and non-formal fields of environmental education. Elected Board members will serve a two-year term. A slate of nominated candidates for the BOD will be presented for a vote at the annual meeting on February 24, 2018.

If you are interested in being nominated and elected to the DAEE Board of Directors, please <u>submit your</u> name and affiliation, your professional qualifications, and why you support DAEE

The deadline for nominations is **January 26, 2018**. Please email your nomination information to DAEEonline@gmail.com

## **Environmental Programs**

# Delaware Junior Solar Sprint Registration due January 25

Teachers and students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in this year's Junior Solar Sprint, a solar-powered model car competition on **April 26, 2018** at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. Junior Solar Sprint is hosted jointly by the DNREC Division of Energy & Climate and the Delaware Technology Student Association. This exciting competition has been a Delaware favorite for over 20 years. Over the next few months, students design and build their own solar-powered model cars, a process culminating in a day of racing, learning, and fun! Last year, 14 schools participated, totaling 24 teams. We hope to see our former participants back, and new participants jumping in.

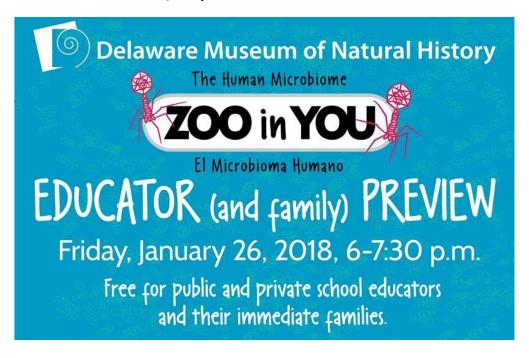
Each school may register up to 2 teams of 2-4 students each. The Division of Energy & Climate will provide up to 2 Solar Sprint Kits (including a solar panel, wheels, and motor) to each registered school. Interested schools should submit the registration form by January 25, 2018. Registration forms may be emailed to <a href="mailto:Caren.Fitzgerald@state.de.us">Caren.Fitzgerald@state.de.us</a>, or mailed to: Division of Energy & Climate, 100 W Water St Suite 5A, Dover, DE 19904. Please feel free to reach out with questions via email, or by calling 302-735-3491.

#### **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! <a href="http://tinyurl.com/lh8ho4n">http://tinyurl.com/lh8ho4n</a>.

#### **Delaware Museum of Natural History Events**

Free Educator Preview of the Zoo in You, January 26



#### **State Park Programs**

Visit <u>www.destateparks.com</u> for a complete listing of events. New for 2018, the <u>Passport Program!</u>

## Curricula & Professional Development

#### Delaware Wetlands Conference January 31 and February 1, 2018

Join us for this two-day event where connecting science and communities to protect and conserve wetlands is our top priority! Wetlands play a vital role in our everyday lives, protecting our communities from flooding and erosion and boosting our economy. For the last 17 years the Delaware Wetlands Conference has served as a hub where wetland experts and enthusiasts from the Mid-Atlantic region gather to share the latest in wetland research, innovations in outreach and education, and the progress of conservation and wetlands policy programs.

For more information about the event including a schedule, please visit our website. **Register by January 24.** 

#### **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 Investigating Evidence Lesson Plans**

This free curriculum includes a Teacher's Guide, accompanying Resource and Journal pages, and rich online resources that will support you in using citizen-science projects and outdoor explorations that generate authentic scientific questions. You'll lead your students in making observations, crafting and testing hypotheses, collecting and graphing data, drawing meaningful conclusions, and sharing their work. http://www.birdsleuth.org/investigation/

# Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Conference Ocean City, MD

February 1-4,2018

MAEOE is celebrating over 30 years of bringing educators, resource personnel, scientists and researchers together to share experiences and ideas. For more information: <a href="https://www.maeoe.org">www.maeoe.org</a>

#### Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators Annual Conference

March 12 & 13, State College, PA

The annual conference is a great chance to catch up with colleagues, meet new people, take time to evaluate your programs and reconnect with what drives us to be environmental educators. <a href="https://www.paee.net">www.paee.net</a>

## **Grants & Opportunities**

#### **Delaware Children in Nature**

Check out Delaware Children in Nature Facebook page for many different grant opportunities!

# Fourth Annual UL Innovative Education Award application now open Deadline February 21, 2018

UL, a global safety science leader, in collaboration with NAAEE, founded the ULIEA program in 2015 to invest in and support youth engagement in local and environmental issues, while encouraging youth interest in engineering, technology, science, and mathematics. Since 2015, the ULIEA program has awarded \$750,000 (\$250,000 per year) to non-profit organizations. http://ulinnovationeducation.naaee.net/

## NOAA B-WET (Bay Watershed Education and Training) Deadline March 9

NOAA's B-WET program funds locally relevant, authentic experiential learning for K-12 audiences through Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs). MWEEs are multi-stage activities that include learning both outdoors and in the classroom and aim to increase understanding and stewardship of watersheds and related ocean, coastal, riverine, estuarine, and Great Lakes ecosystems. NOAA funding is provided to support student investigation of environmental topics both locally and globally that are of interest to them, leveraging local STEM assets and STEM professionals. Students identify actions to address these issues and understand the value of those actions, enabling them to help to understand, protect, and restore watersheds and related ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems. More information here: <a href="https://www.noaa.gov/office-education/bwet">www.noaa.gov/office-education/bwet</a>

### **Interesting Websites to Visit**

Free Webinars from Cornell Lab of Ornithology: http://www.birdsleuth.org/free-webinars/

USGS Education Resources: https://education.usgs.gov/

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

Population Education: <u>www.populationeducation.org</u>

Sustainability in the Schools Simulation Game: http://www.sustainabilityallianceaz.org/

Nature Works Everywhere: <a href="https://natureworkseverywhere.org">https://natureworkseverywhere.org</a>

Successful STEM Education Resources: <a href="https://www.successfulstemeducation.org/resources">www.successfulstemeducation.org/resources</a>

Project Localize: <u>lexiconofsustainability.com/project-localize/</u>

### Job/Volunteer Announcements

**Delaware State Parks Internships** 

Various positions available

http://www.destateparks.com/volunteers/interns/index.asp

Mount Cuba Center
Various Employment Opportunities
www.mtcubacenter.org/employment/

New Castle County
Summer Camp and Safety Town
<a href="https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/nccde">https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/nccde</a>

**MAEOE Jobs Page** 

https://maeoe.org/professional-development/jobs-board

Delaware Green Jobs http://delaware.greenjobs.net/

**Stroud Water Research Center Internships** 

http://www.stroudcenter.org/jobs/internships\_entomology.shtm

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