

## Piedmont-Western Section Mini-Conference



# Environmental Educators of North Carolina

Friday, June 15th, 2018

9:00am-4:00pm

Camp T.N. Spencer Park—Concord, NC

### ***Nature is Calling!***

8:00am: Networking Breakfast (optional)

9:00am: Opening Session

9:45am: Session One – Breakout Sessions

10:45am: Coffee & Tea Time

11:00am: Session Two – Breakout Sessions

12:00pm: Lunch-Cookout Style

*Join us for a cookout with hot dogs (and veggie dogs!) grilled over the fire and sides!*

1:00pm: Session Three – Breakout Sessions

2:00pm: Cookie Break

2:15pm: Session Four – Breakout Sessions

3:15pm-4pm: Closing Session

5pm-7pm: Social (optional)

*The fun continues at Cabarrus Brewing Company! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, networking, and local beer!*

#### **Registration:**

Members: \$15\*

Non-members: \$20\*

\*Formal educators (i.e., classroom teachers) with school ID will receive a *full refund* upon attendance at the conference.

For more information and to register, visit: [www.eenc.org/events](http://www.eenc.org/events)



# Session Sneak Peek

## Cosmic Evolution, Big History and the Whole Shebang

*This presentation will weave environmental education through the sciences and humanities. Participants will discover how the wisdom embedded in environmental education can be expanded to include 13.8 billion years.*

## Schoolyards for Wildlife

*This presentation will give an overview of schoolyard/campus improvements that will support local wildlife (pollinator gardens, floating islands, meadows, etc.). Participants will tour examples of these improvements on site.*

## Digital Storytelling in EE

*Learn how the Smokies have implemented their digital storytelling project and what resources you can use at your site.*

## Learn from my Mistakes

*This session will identify a variety of common mistakes that can be made when teaching outdoors and discuss solutions for those mistakes. Non-formal and formal educators will be able to relate these, sometimes subtle, blunders!*

## Teaching Literacy in the Outdoors

*This program will give participants ideas on how to use an outdoor setting to teach English Language Arts (ELA).*

## Biophilia and Young Scientists

*Non-formal and formal educators will gain techniques to plan for outdoor experiences that help bolster STEM education.*

## 7 Games in 60 Minutes!

*Add some new games to your toolkit. that can be used when you're focused on a topic or when you just need to wiggle!*

## Cross-Curricular Project Based Learning K-5

*Hear about the various models studied at The Roots Foundation (EIC, PBL, EL, etc.) and how they've impacted our work. Learn how development of outdoor classrooms and overcoming barriers can help teachers succeed outdoors.*

## School Gardens

*Join NCSU Plants for Human Health Institute to find out what resources are available to your school and how they can help you meet your curriculum needs.*

## Using Water to Nurture Wonder

*Discover the value in teaching with water and how to find suitable sites to lead your experiments. During the hands-on portion of the program, we'll investigate common macroinvertebrates and what they tell us about water quality.*

## Sit a While

*Sometimes it's easy to know how to ask students to sit and observe their surroundings. This session will give participants ideas on how to encourage mindfulness and engage the senses.*

## Inquiry at Play: Enhancing Opportunities for Exploration and Play Outside

*Discover how a playful pedagogy can nourish inquiry and refine the ability to think with increasing creativity. We will "play" with aspects of nature as we explore their combined application in outdoor play and learning environments.*