

## Calendar of Events

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September 4, 2025

**Extreme Weather & Health Teachers? Workshop**

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM EST

*The University of Kentucky Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences (UK-CARES) is hosting a virtual Extreme Weather & Health Teachers' Workshop for K-12 curriculums on Thursday, September 4th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm, EST. This is a free interactive development workshop designed for K-12 educators. The workshop content aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards. Attendees will receive confirmation of two hours of professional development upon completion of the online evaluation. Please register early as space is limited!*

*Register via the links directly below:*

*Registration*

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September 10, 2025

**KAS Science Policy Committee meeting**

**Virtual**

12:30 PM - 01:30 PM EST

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**Mighty Microbes Day at Kentucky Science Center**

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EST

*Volunteer in Louisville for Mighty Microbes Day Sept 20*

*The Kentucky Science Center is hosting their first ever Mighty Microbes Day in Louisville, September 20th, 2025, from 10 AM – 2PM. Whitney Heard, the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) 's Ambassador for Kentucky, is seeking faculty and student volunteers. If you are interested in teaching microbial sciences to children in a fun, interactive, and educational manner, sign up below. ASM is also looking for donations- check the spreadsheet of items that they need to make this day awesome! To donate money or materials, please reach out to Whitney directly.*

*Questions: please contact Whitney Heard, ASM Ambassador to Kentucky*

*Faculty sign-up*

*Student sign-up*

*Supplies List - items to donate*

September 22, 2025

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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

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- September 26, 2025

**Behind the Scenes of Policymaking: Science, Influence, and How Change Really Happens**  
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

*Behind the Scenes of Policymaking: Science, Influence, and How Change Really Happens*

*September 23, 24, 25 & 26*

*Time: 9 am - 10 am Pacific | 12 pm - 1 pm Eastern*

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- October 7, 2025

**American Institute of Professional Geologists Annual Meeting**  
See website for details

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- October 5, 2025

**Abstract deadline-- American Institute of Professional Geologists Annual Meeting**  
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*Oct 4-5 in St. Louis*  
*Abstract Submission open until July 14*

*<https://aipg.org/page/2025NationalConferenceCallforAbstracts>*

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### **Tri-State STEM Conference**

08:00 AM - 03:30 PM EST

*at Northern Kentucky University, Student Union Ballroom*

*Join fellow P-12 educators from the tri-state and beyond to explore STEM, STEAM, and STREAM education instruction, technology, and cutting edge techniques.*

*Discover how you can become the catalyst for change and develop future STEM talent!*

*What is it?*

*Professional development (PD) for P-12 educators*

*Who should attend?*

*Pre-service Teachers*

*Teachers*

*School Administrators*

*Instructional Coaches*

*<https://www.nku.edu/academics/artsci/about/centers/cinsam/p12teachers/stem-conference.html>*

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**Kentucky Psychological Association Annual Conference**

See website for details

*Lexington, KY*

*Details*

November 13, 2025  
- November 14, 2025

**Kentucky Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference**

See website for details

*Owensboro, KY*

*Details here:*

*<https://www.kaee.org/conference>*

April 10, 2026  
- April 11, 2026

**Mathematical Association of America (KY Chapter) Annual Meeting**

See website for schedule

*Thomas More University*

*Find details here:*

*<http://sections.maa.org/kentucky/>*