

Calendar of Events

July 14, 2025

American Institute of Professional Geologists Annual Meeting

See website for details

Oct 4-5 in St. Louis

Abstract Submission open until July 14

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

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- July 15, 2025

Teach Climate Network Summer Institute for Teachers

See website for details

Teach Climate Network Summer Institute
"Inspiring Hope, Leading Change"

[Register Here](#)

Looking for a way to get active in the climate community—or support those who are? Searching for resources and tips for teaching climate change? Come to the Teach Climate Network Summer Institute this July, where educators are celebrated and their roles as community change makers are valued.

The Summer Institute is a virtual, three-day conference focused on climate change education. At the Summer Institute, we have a bit of something for everyone, from the seasoned climate educators looking for strategies to engage deeply in civic action, to the climate curious seeking to dip their toe into climate change science. Attendees will create a personalized agenda by selecting from 30+ interactive workshops, chat with other teachers and non-formal educators on our discussion boards, and get access to dozens of trusted instructional materials to boost their teaching experiences.

Help us get the word out! Know someone who should be part of this? Share this opportunity widely—we're building a community that learns, acts, and grows together.

Registration \$250

July 14th and 15th

Virtual

Plus one regional cohort day on July 16th or 17th

Scholarships Available

Graduate Credit Available

20 Hours of Continuing Education

"I have been trying to reflect on everything that I took in during the Institute and it is so overwhelming in the best way. I have big ideas on how I want to change climate education in my district and the Institute helped to shape some of those ideas and plans I have."

— 2024 Summer Institute Attendee

Concurrent Sessions

With leaders from all across North America presenting and attending, the Institute is flooded with inspiration, knowledge, and critical discussion. Speakers at the Institute host 30+ interactive sessions ranging from 60 minutes to 2 hours, featuring the best examples of climate change education. Sessions are designed to be hands-on and practice-focused with tips, tools, and strategies that can be applied today!

Case Study Workshops

Wonder how that school got support for a climate action project? Or when that teacher fit climate change into their curriculum? At the Institute, attendees can hear from people doing the work and participate in case study workshops designed to highlight and foster discussion about the ins and outs of climate change action and education in real-world settings.

Off-Screen Experiences

Although this event is virtual, we find time to explore the outdoors and connect with nature! Using Climate Generation's Field Activity, attendees can engage in critical reflection on local climate solutions, practice their writing skills, and take a walk around their neighborhood. Experience this and other activities at the Institute!

Resource Sharing

Resources, resources, resources. You want them. We have them! Through the Summer Institute, activities, lessons, curriculum, and other teaching materials are gathered and

stored in a Resource Hub that's available to attendees all year. This is a great tool to help you update your collection and refer back to throughout the year as you plan.

Joy

We want to make this event a celebration! Join us for the raffles, bingo, trivia, and positive stories of powerful work happening all across North America!

July 16, 2025

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July 22, 2025
- July 23, 2025

Reimagining STEMM Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Career Development: NASEM Summit

9:00-5:30 ET on July 22; 9-4 ET on July 23

Join the National Academies for Reimagining STEMM Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Career Development: A Summit on July 22 and 23. This national-action focused summit will highlight changes in learning environments, skills acquisition, and the roles and responsibilities of graduate students and postdoctoral scholars while exploring proposed approaches and effective practices around changing the nature of mentorship, providing awareness of career pathways, and right-sizing the quantity of postdoctoral scholars in service of ensuring a robust U.S. research talent base.

Virtual or in person. Free.

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July 24, 2025

Environmental education documentary & benefit for KAEE & Red Oaks Forest School

05:30 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Kentucky Association for Environmental Education presents:

In Our Nature

Thursday, July 24, at 5:30 pm, in Lexington at the Lyric Theater. Tickets at

<https://givebutter.com/inournature-kentucky>.

The documentary features Kentuckians Ellen Prusinski and Tina Brouwer, and Red Oaks Forest School. The event includes an opening reception and networking, a food truck, music from the incredible Jeri Katherine Howell, plus a panel Q&A after the screening. ALL the ticket sales go directly to support KAEE and Red Oaks Forest School.

Be one of the first to experience *In Our Nature* - a powerful new documentary that shines a light on the growing movement of environmental education in Kentucky and nationwide. Hear interviews from KAEE members Ellen Prusinski and Tina Brouwer. At the heart of the story is Red Oaks Forest School, one of many inspiring examples from Kentucky of how nature-based education is transforming the lives of children and families. *In Our Nature* is a celebration of curiosity, resilience, and the educators working to ensure every child in Kentucky has the opportunity to learn in - and from - nature.

? 100% of proceeds support Red Oaks Forest School and the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education, helping expand access to outdoor learning for students across the Commonwealth.

EVENT PROGRAM

The event will begin at 5:30 pm and conclude following the Filmmaker Q&A.

Reception & Community Showcase feat. Jeri Katherine Howell opens at 5:30 pm

Welcome & Opening Remarks begin at 6:30 pm

Special Advanced Screening of *In Our Nature*

Live Q&A with filmmakers and Red Oaks Forest School at 8 pm

Thank you & Closing Remarks

The screening is taking place in-person at the historic Lyric Theater located in the heart of Lexington at 300 E Third St.

ABOUT IN OUR NATURE

Filmed across the US, *In Our Nature* explores how nature - and those who teach with it - can be some of our most powerful forces for reconnection in a divided world. Three character-driven stories bring this to life: from sustainable, off-grid flower farms transforming South Side Chicago, to a bipartisan forest school in rural Kentucky, to a healing-in-nature program for grieving military families in San Antonio. The film reveals why nature belongs at the heart of what it means to be educated, and why environmental education is more essential than ever. Learn more at www.inournaturemovie.com.

"A moving tribute to our field..." - Judy Braus, Executive Director, NAAEE

Hosted in partnership with the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), this exclusive pre-release screening honors the communities and changemakers at the heart of the film. The evening includes a vibrant community showcase, reception with local leaders, a special advance screening of *In Our Nature*, and a live Q&A with the filmmakers - joined by Red Oaks Forest School founder Tina Brouwer and youth featured in the film.

100% of ticket proceeds support Red Oaks Forest School and the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education.

This Lexington event will feature live music by Jeri Katherine Howell — award-winning singer-songwriter, cultural producer, and environmental educator. Jeri cultivates creative experiences that inspire us to live in complex and caring relationship with one another

and the planet. Her compelling performances connect and rejuvenate audiences, centering vulnerable lyrics, dynamic vocals and guitar, and a grounding Folk/Americana sound. Nat Colten will join her on harmonies and banjo. Explore Jeri Katherine's new album, Woman, on Bandcamp and wherever your music streams, and connect at jerikatherinehowell.com.

This event is made possible by the generous support of the Elizabeth G Maughan Charitable Foundation

July 25, 2025

Ky Paleontological Society presents a program on the Northwest Science Museum

07:30 PM - 08:30 PM EST

Devin Cherry, Northwest High School

Devin Cherry is a geologist and Park Ranger turned high school science teacher

Lexington, Kentucky, Mines and Minerals Resources Building, Room 101, Rose Street, UK Campus. PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

July 26, 2025

Raisin? Hellbenders on the River: Concert for Conservation

03:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Join the Thomas More University Biology Field Station for the second annual "Raisin' Hellbenders on the River: Concert for Conservation" on Saturday, July 26 from 3-9 PM at the Field Station (8309 Mary Ingles Hwy, California, KY 41007).

The day will have live bluegrass music, lab tours (where you can meet hellbenders—north America's largest amphibian!), free kayak rentals, food trucks, and MadTree beverages. This day of fun and fellowship on the Ohio River supports the Field Station's conservation and outreach programs. Purchase tickets online at tmuky.us/concertrsvp. This event is open to the public and serves as a great way for folks to learn more about our research, conservation, and education! Contact Molly Williams, Field Station Manager, at williamsm@thomasmore.edu, for any questions.

July 28, 2025

KAS Education & Engagement Committee

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

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August 8, 2025

Kentucky Physiological Society Annual Meeting

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

At University of Louisville Shelby campus, 450 N Whittington Pkwy, 40222

August 11, 2025

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Virtual

12:30 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Rob Weber,

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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

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October 23, 2025

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>

November 13, 2025
- November 15, 2025

Kentucky Psychological Association Annual Conference
See website for details
Lexington, KY

Details

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- 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/>