

## Calendar of Events

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April 27, 2026

**Bench Talk: The Week in Science Podcast**

**106.5 FM or online at <https://www.forwardradio.org/bench-talk>**

07:30 PM - 08:00 PM EST

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May 1, 2026

**KAS Education & Engagement Committee**

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

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May 4, 2026

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May 7, 2026

## **Day of Science Learning with KDE**

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST

*Are you an individual or part of an organization outside the formal school system that provides meaningful science learning experiences connected to real-world applications? As Kentucky advances the United We Learn vision, we know vibrant learning happens when schools and communities work together. Community organizations, informal educators and industry partners play a critical role in helping students connect science to authentic, local experiences. Join us for the Second Annual Day of Science Learning for Community Based Educators hosted by the Kentucky Department of Education. This dynamic networking experience centers collaboration, shared responsibility and high-quality science education in service of Kentucky students. Together, we will explore how strong community partnerships provide vibrant, relevant learning experiences that connect classroom instruction to the local context.*

*Participants will:*

*Deepen our shared understanding of the Kentucky Academic Standards for Science  
Explore high-quality instructional resources that support three-dimensional learning  
Collaborate to build local phenomena bundles that ground science instruction in authentic Kentucky contexts  
Strengthen partnerships that advance vibrant science learning across communities*

*By intentionally aligning community experiences with classroom instruction, we can amplify impact, reduce fragmentation and ensure students experience science as relevant, connected and meaningful.*

*Event Details:*

*May 7 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm ET*

*Kentucky Science Center | Louisville, KY*

*Registration is limited to the first 100 participants. Complete this registration form by Monday, April 27th to reserve your spot.*

*For questions or assistance, contact [kdescience@education.ky.gov](mailto:kdescience@education.ky.gov). We encourage you to share this opportunity with partners in your community and across the Commonwealth as we work together to bring the United We Learn vision to life through vibrant, connected science learning experiences.*

*Warm regards,*

*Erica Baker (Secondary Science Consultant) and Amanda Prewitt (Elementary Science Consultant)*

*Erica Baker, NBCT*

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May 11, 2026

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May 13, 2026

**KAS Science Policy Committee meeting**

Virtual

12:30 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Rob Weber,

[policy@kyscience.org](mailto:policy@kyscience.org)

*This committee works on various initiatives advancing scientifically sound public policy in Kentucky. Join us! Email KAS Science Policy Specialist Madison Flory for meeting details*

May 14, 2026

**UK Sky Talk**

See website for details

*Different program each month- start time varies seasonally*

*More information here: <https://observatory.as.uky.edu/skytalk>*

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May 21, 2026

**eeHEN (Environmental Education Higher Education Network) Spring Summit & Workshop  
Hazard Community & Technical College**

10:00 AM - 02:30 PM EST

Brittany Wray,

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May 25, 2026

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June 4, 2026

**Summer Seminar Series at Thomas More Biology Field Station**

**Thomas More University Biology Field Station**

**8330 Mary Ingles Hwy, California, KY**

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST

June 5, 2026

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- June 11, 2026      **Summer Seminar Series at Thomas More Biology Field Station**  
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- June 25, 2026      **Summer Seminar Series at Thomas More Biology Field Station**  
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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST
- July 9, 2026      **Summer Seminar Series at Thomas More Biology Field Station**  
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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST
- July 16, 2026      **Summer Seminar Series at Thomas More Biology Field Station**  
**Thomas More University Biology Field Station**  
**8330 Mary Ingles Hwy, California, KY**  
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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST
- July 25, 2026      **Raisin' Hellbenders on the River- Concert for Conservation**  
See website for details  
*at Thomas More University Biology Field Station*  
*Details & tickets:*  
*<https://www.thomasmore.edu/academics/explore-campus/biology-field-station/concert-for-conservation/>*