

Calendar of Events

June 2, 2025

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Datacenter Impacts on Municipal Energy, Water, and Air Systems- webinar from AAAS EPI Center
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

The American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) Center for Scientific Evidence in Public Issues (EPI Center), in partnership with the National League of Cities (NLC), invites you to attend a webinar to learn about the energy and water requirements of AI datacenters, and discuss solutions and technological innovations that can benefit communities hosting these datacenters.

Datacenter Impacts on Municipal Energy, Water, and Air Systems

Moderator:

Arti Garg

Chief Technologist, AVEVA, Chair IEEE Environmental Impacts of AI Working Group

Speaker:

Shaolei Ren

Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of California, Riverside

Energy use by AI is expected to triple in just the next few years. Local governments are facing important decisions about how to manage the growing construction of AI datacenters in their communities and what their energy and water needs mean for local electricity grids, freshwater resources, local economies, and neighborhoods. What are the benefits of datacenter construction near your city? What are the drawbacks?

June 12, 2025

UK Sky Talk

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July 14, 2025
- 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 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/concertsvp. 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.

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American Institute of Professional Geologists Annual Meeting
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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

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/>