

NAAEE 2024 Conference and Research Symposium

SESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS



Note: This is not an exhaustive list and many other sessions will surely be of interest to anyone interested in early childhood environmental education, but we've tried to highlight sessions that are particularly relevant for early childhood through the early elementary grades.

EXHIBIT HALL

DISCOVER_{the}FOREST DESCUBRE_{el}BOSQUE

Learn more about Discover the Forest/Descubre el Bosque at the NAAEE Exhibit Booth!

Exhibit Hall Hours:

- Wednesday, Nov 6, 5-6:30 PM
- Thursday, Nov 7, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Friday, Nov 8, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Stop by the NAAEE booth to learn more about Discover the Forest/Descubre el Bosque! This educational program, newly housed at NAAEE, helps families and educators discover the joys and opportunities in nature through approachable guidance and resources, available in English and Spanish.

Visit the booth to snap a photo in “the forest,” enter for a chance to win NAAEE and US Forest Service swag, and get your free signed copy of *Find Your Forest*, a children’s book available in English and Spanish. You can even meet *Find Your Forest* authors Audrey Noguera and Taylor Margis-Noguera to learn how they foster curiosity and promote diversity outdoors, starting with young kids.

NAAEE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 6

Natural Start Alliance Graduate Student Networking Event

1:00 to 2:00 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Westmoreland

Coordinators: Stacey Alfonso, Natural Start Alliance, and Peng Liu Nelson, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Thursday, November 7

Bridging Nature and Culture Through Bilingual EE Experiences: (Re)Introducing Discover the Forest

9:20 am -10:00 am, Fayette

Presenters: Emily Van Laan, Discover the Forest, NAAEE; Melissa Taggart, US Forest Service; Felipe Benitez, Corazón Latino

Empowering Minds, Protecting Nature: Urban Environmental Education with Community

Magazines--Poster Presentation

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenter: Bettina Cooper, Naturewise Columbus

Empowering Communities: Pollinator Monitoring in a "Smart" Rain Garden--Poster Presentation

1:00 to 2:00 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenter: Holly Abeels, University of Florida IFAS Extension

Non-Attending Contributors: Mandy Baily, University of Florida; Emily Surmont, FL Department of Environmental Protection; and Alexis Miller, City of Cape Canaveral

Forest Children: A Constellation of Early Childhood Nature Programming--Poster Presentation

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenters: Nicole Bradshaw, Angela Love, Sarah Crim, and Ziqi Xia, Auburn University

Starting Early: Learning Civic Engagement Skills in the Elementary Grades--Poster Presentation

1:00 to 2:00 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenters: Muffet Trout and Clare Gallahue, University of St. Thomas

Non-Attending Contributor: Rose Say, University of St. Thomas

Storm Smart Schools: Capture the Rain to Grow Shade--Poster Presentation

1:00 to 2:00 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenters: Amy Liu Flores, Sustainability Teachers' Academies, ASU and T Larson, EcoRise

Extending the Magic: Forest Schooling in Out-of-School Spaces--Roundtable Discussion—Group 3

3:05 to 3:45 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania West

Presenters: Shannon Ward Earle and Amelia McLaughlin, Forest Explorers LLC

Friday, November 8

Nature for All Children: Creating Forest Schools in Urban Environments--Traditional Presentation

8:30 to 9:10 am, Westin Pittsburgh, Somerset West

Presenters: Madlen Sarkisyan, Children's Forest School, and Melissa J Pinkham, Northeast Los Angeles Forest School

Supporting Environmental Literacy at All Levels: Maryland's Environmental Literacy Standards and Framework--Traditional Presentation

8:30 to 9:10 am, Westin Pittsburgh, Fayette

Presenter: Payton Hesse, Maryland State Department of Education

eePRO Group Meeting: Early Childhood EE

1:00 to 2:00 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Westmoreland

Coordinators: Betty Olivolo and Emily Van Laan, Natural Start Alliance

Wild Ones in Wild Spaces: Training Teachers in Nature--Traditional Presentation

2:15 to 2:55 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Armstrong

Presenters: Allison Sellitto and Angela Belli,

Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve at Saint Vincent College; and Stacie Nowikowski, Saint Vincent College

Feeling Alive—Building Parent and Teacher Confidence Embarking in Outdoor Learning and Play--Hands-on Presentation

2:15 to 3:45 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania East

Presenter: Paul Kelba, Calgary Board of Education

Teaching P-6 Learners Through a Hope-Inspired Approach to Climate Literacy--10-Minute Bright Spot (Group 12)

3:05 to 3:45 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Butler East

Presenters: Helen Corveleyn, Hopewell Valley Regional School District and Louise Ammentorp, The College of New Jersey

Place-Based Curriculum Development--10-Minute Bright Spot (Group 12)

3:05 to 3:45 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Butler East

Presenter: Sami Wolniakowski, Poudre Learning Center

Global Lessons on Greening School Grounds and Outdoor Learning--Traditional Presentation

3:05 to 3:45 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Somerset West

Presenters: Sean Southey, IUCN; Brenda Kessler; and Laís Fleury, The Alana Foundation

Designs in Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Programs: Integrating Environmental Education Curriculum--Traditional Presentation

4:00 to 4:40 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Westmoreland West

Presenters: Yash Bhagwanji, Florida Atlantic University; Victoria Carr, University of Cincinnati; and Elizabeth Y. S. Boileau, University of Minnesota Duluth

Saturday, November 9

What's in a Name? ECEfS and Teacher Preparation Programs--Roundtable Discussion, Group 6

9:20 to 10:00 am, Westin Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania West

Presenter: Meg Gravil, Eastern Kentucky University

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, November 5

Autism in Nature-Based Early Childhood Education: A Systematic Literature Review--Research Poster Session

4:30 to 5:30 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenter: Jane Piselli, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Exploring Perspectives on Nature-Based Early Childhood Education: A Comparative Analysis of Educators and Families--Research Poster Session

4:30 to 5:30 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenter: Rachel Schaller, Stepping Stones

Nature-Based Early Learning in a Changing Climate: Impacts and Adaptations--Research Poster Session

4:30 to 5:30 pm, Westin Pittsburgh, Rotunda

Presenter: Claire Curran Underwood, University of MN Duluth

Wednesday, November 6

Threading the Needle: Reality and Hope in Climate Change Education--Research Panel

10:00 to 11:00 am, Westin Pittsburgh, Cambria West

Presenters: Evan Mooney, Husson University, and Elizabeth Kenyon, Kent State University