Spend some time with EEA this year!

EEA 2019-2020 Calendar of Events

The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia has been serving environmental educators throughout the state since 1992, and the 2019-20 year will be another great one filled with fun, learning, and inspiration for your classroom. EEA supports environmental educators through conferences, workshops, member events, access to information and networking, and so much more. Please join us at our upcoming events!

Field Excursions for EEA Members • Various dates and locations
EEA is pleased to announce opportunities for our members to visit different regions of the state, immerse themselves in the outdoors, and get to know other educators and EEA board members. Enjoy paddling, camping, and more.

Monarchs Across Georgia Symbolic Monarch Butterfly Migration
Postmark date: Friday, October 11, 2019
Join Monarchs Across Georgia in participating in the 24th annual "Symbolic Monarch Butterfly Migration" with students from across North America. Over 20,000 students in the United States and Canada will create symbolic butterflies this fall and send them to Mexico for the winter.

2019 Outdoor Learning Symposium - Registration is Now Open!
Saturday, October 26, 2019 • The Chattahoochee Hills Charter School
OLS is an annual fall event intended for teachers, PTA, youth leaders, non-formal educators, camp counselors, and any interested individuals, providing opportunities for networking, exciting outdoor teaching ideas, and strategies for taking students outside.

2020 EEA Annual Conference • March 6-8, 2020 • Jekyll Island
Join your network of educators on the coast for this year's annual conference, “Splashing into EEA: Making Waves within Your Community!” Submit your proposal for the research symposium or concurrent sessions using the online forms by September 30, 2019. More information at EEA Annual Conference.

Advanced Training for Environmental Education in Georgia (ATEEG) 2020 Courses
Various dates
Take your teaching to the next level by becoming a certified environmental educator with ATEEG! Whether you're new to the field or simply looking to reinvigorate your current teaching, ATEEG can provide the foundation, resources, and network to take your career to the next level.
ADVANCED TRAINING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN GEORGIA (ATEEG) IS NOW ENROLLING PARTICIPANTS FOR ITS 2020 COHORT!

ATEEG is a nationally accredited, professional certification program for formal and non-formal educators based on the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Guidelines for Excellence. This program is offered by the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia in partnership with the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, and implemented by a Certification Advisory Board. The ATEEG Program is divided into three parts providing participants instructional content, professional development, and independent work. Our next cohort begins in January 2020. The ATEEG Program is divided into three parts providing participants instructional content, professional development, and independent work. Our next cohort begins in January 2020. For more information and to register, please visit our website: www.eealliance.org/advanced-training-for-ee.

2020 Program Dates:
The following three courses will be held at Charlie Elliott Conference Center in Mansfield, GA, and begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday adjourning at noon on Sunday.

Core Course 1 (Foundations of EE)- January 24-26, 2020, To develop foundations of environmental literacy based on ecology and professional principles. Registration and payment is due by January 14, 2020. Sign-up using this link.

Core Course 2 (Fostering Learning)- March 20-22, 2020, To increase understanding of how to implement environmental education programs that foster learning. Registration and payment is due by March 10, 2020. Sign-up using this link.

Core Course 3 (Assessment and Evaluation)- June 5-7, 2020, To increase participant’s skills and knowledge associated with the program evaluation process that includes identifying outcomes, data collection methods, and data analysis. Registration and payment is due by May 26, 2020. Sign-up using this link.
Welcome New ATEEG Program Administrator, Dr. Michele Bolduc!

by Michele Bolduc, PhD

I am very excited to join the EEA as the new ATEEG Program Administrator. I am a current participant of the program, having just finished my third core course this past June. I am hoping to work toward the development of an interdisciplinary school garden curriculum for Georgia as my Independent Study Project for certification.

As a geographer and a social scientist, I study human-environment interactions, especially relating to food, agriculture, and human health. My dissertation examined health care in Immokalee, a migrant farmworker community in Southwest Florida with high rates of chronic illness. I am very interested in the idea of sustainability and how we can work to create health-promoting environments, both ecologically and socially, in the places that put food on our tables. I have done work in the US South and in Haiti.

So far, my teaching experience has been at the college level, with courses in environmental issues, geography, anthropology, and public health, but my day job is currently as a training manager and instructional designer at UGA. I am excited to serve as the ATEEG program administrator to maintain my connection to environmental education and to encourage highly-trained, deep-thinking environmental educators in our state.

On a personal note, I live with my childhood sweetheart and our two daughters (ages 4 and 1) on almost 12 acres in Athens that we are trying to turn into a relatively self-sufficient permaculture homestead. Trying is the key word - it is hard work and it often gets moved to the side with work and kids and life!

I LOVE talking to and meeting new people, so I will be contacting all of the ATEEG program participants in the near future just to say hi. Also, if you are interested in participating in the next ATEEG cohort, please feel welcome to send me an email (ateeg@eealliance.org) any time to talk about the program, brainstorm ideas, or just to talk about environmental education in general.

I look forward to working with all of you!

-Michele
JOIN THE SYMBOLIC MONARCH BUTTERFLY MIGRATION!

You are invited to participate in the 24th annual "Symbolic Monarch Butterfly Migration" with students from across North America. Over 20,000 students in the United States and Canada will create symbolic butterflies this fall and send them to Mexico for the winter.

At the monarch sanctuaries in Mexico, children will protect the butterflies and send them north in the spring. The symbolic butterflies build bridges of communication between students in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. United by the monarch butterfly, children across North America learn authentic lessons of conservation, cooperation, and ambassadorship. The postmark deadline this migration season is October 11, 2019.

How to participate
Download the TEACHER PACKET for the 2019-20 Symbolic Migration season. This document contains all of the details for participation including links to templates and forms, a checklist, and a calendar for the migration season.

Purchasing your Passenger Ticket
To cover the costs of this important educational project, participants must buy a $15 "Passenger Ticket" for each Class Ambassador Butterfly packet submitted. These funds will support school visits in Mexico to deliver butterflies and provide conservation education. Purchases are made through our secure website at this link PASSENGER TICKET FORM with credit/debit cards (Discover, MasterCard or Visa) or mailed checks (USA banks only). A PayPal option is also available. Up to ten (10) classes can be accommodated in one transaction if the return mailing address is the same for all classes.

If you are planning to purchase multiple Passenger Tickets, whether they are for your own classes or for multiple teachers at your school, you will need to complete a MULTIPLE CLASS SPREADSHEET (can be found at eeaq.memberclicks.net/symbolic-migration). We suggest that you complete this before you start the online PASSENGER TICKET FORM, save it to your computer for reference, then upload it to the Passenger Ticket Form in the designated section.

The Symbolic Migration is a partnership project between Journey North and Monarchs Across Georgia, a committee of the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia.

Contact us at symbolic-migration@eealliance.org.
**MONARCHS ACROSS GEORGIA ANNOUNCES NEW POLLINATOR GRANTS FOR 2019-2020**

In the past, grant monies were derived from the profits made on Monarchs Across Georgia’s plant sales and from the financial support of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Southeast Region. We appreciate the technical advice and funds provided through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. We are honored to also partner with the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail in habitat restoration and conservation efforts. See a complete list of our grant recipients since the program began in 2012.

Grant money for the 2019-2020 year came from profits made on Monarchs Across Georgia’s native plant sales. We will be awarding five $300 grants to projects that must create or enhance an outdoor Pollinator Habitat and fulfill the specific requirements of the Monarchs Across Georgia Pollinator Habitat Certification. Though not a requirement, we recommend certifying with the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail for educational purposes. The projects must include an educational component regarding pollination (signage, brochure, program, outreach, etc.) and promote Monarchs Across Georgia’s Pollinator Habitat Certification Program.

**Eligible Projects**

Monarchs Across Georgia Pollinator Habitat grants must be used on a site within the state of Georgia and can be used to fund the following:

- Plants, seeds, soil amendments, mulch, hardscape (raised beds, trellises, basking or puddling features...) and irrigation equipment
- Instructional materials directly used for and related to the project, i.e., seed-starting/growing system, hand lenses, field guides, children’s books, curriculum guides
- Signage, brochure or materials directly related to the project’s educational component
- Professional development directly related to the utilization of pollinator habitat (limited to $150.00)
- Registration and certification as a Monarch Waystation through Monarch Watch

**Eligible Applicants**

To apply, the individual applying must...

- Be a member of the Environmental Education Alliance (EEA) throughout the grant period (Become an EEA member at http://www.eealliance.org/become-a-member)
- Be an employee, volunteer or owner/administrator associated with the school, organization or business
- Complete the online application form and all additional forms

**Pollinator Habitat grants cannot be used for:**

- Salaries, payments, or stipends to teachers, grant applicants or contractors
- Travel expenses
- Food or beverages
- T-shirts or other “swag” items
- Memorials or monuments
- Items used solely for beautification
- Insecticides
- Milkweeds not native to Georgia (See Milkweeds of Georgia Field Guide for details.)

**The application period for 2019-2020 is currently open** with a deadline of November 15, 2019. Applicants should be notified by December 31, 2019. Funds will be distributed in January as soon as any questions concerning the application have been answered. All funds would need to be expended according to the proposed plan with the final report due June 15, 2020. The application for Pollinator Habitat Certification would need to be submitted before the final report deadline. We look forward to reviewing all eligible applications and notifying the top five entities. For questions, please email phc@eealliance.org.
OUTDOOR LEARNING SYMPOSIUM 2019
A Day of Outdoor Education Sessions

The Council Of Outdoor Learning (COOL) proudly presents the 2019 Outdoor Learning Symposium (OLS). The conference takes place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Chattahoochee Hills Charter School. The cost is $35 for members of the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia and $60 for non-members, which includes a one year membership to EEA. Registration is now open!

OLS is an annual fall event intended for private and public school teachers, PTA volunteers, youth organization leaders, resources agency educators, nature center instructors, camp counselors, and all interested volunteers from across the state, providing opportunities for networking, sharing lessons learned, exciting outdoor teaching ideas, and strategies for taking students outside. This year's Symposium will provide sessions on Georgia reptiles and amphibians, Georgia geology and biogeography, garden math, citizen science, and much more.

The Environmental Education Alliance (EEA) (www.eealliance.org) is a professional education and networking association for educators across Georgia. EEA supports environmental educators in Georgia to promote a statewide culture of environmental literacy and stewardship. As an affiliate of the North American Association for Environmental Education, EEA works to promote environmental education by providing opportunities for members, schools, organizations, and the general public to get involved through the annual EEA conference, Outdoor Learning Symposium, Butterfly Symposium, and other special events. The Council of Outdoor Learning is a committee of EEA and is responsible for the Outdoor Learning Symposium.

About the Council of OUTDOOR LEARNING
The Council of Outdoor Learning (COOL), an initiative of the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia (EEA), is a coalition of organizations and individuals who share an interest in the design, development, maintenance, use, and longevity of outdoor classrooms. COOL serves teachers, parents, principals, and community volunteers as a resource link, providing up-to-date training and information to those interested in building and using outdoor classrooms.

APPLY NOW FOR THE MAG AWARDS!
The MAG Service Award recognizes significant contributions to monarch education, conservation, and/or habitat restoration in the state of Georgia. Two Service Awards are available: one for an individual engaged in formal or informal education, and another to recognize a facility.

The Pollinator Habitat Award will recognize a MAG certified pollinator habitat that goes above and beyond the minimal certification criteria and has been established for at least three years.

Links to the award applications and scoring rubrics will be on the awards page at eeaq.memberclicks.net/mag-awards. The submission deadline is February 7, 2020. Only one nomination per person or facility, please!
UPCOMING MEMBER TRIPS WITH EEA

Get outdoors on a field trip with fellow EEA members!

EEA provides opportunities for our members to visit different regions of the state, immerse themselves in the outdoors, and get to know other environmental educators and EEA board members. We've scouted some of the best natural spots in the Southeast to visit.

Save the Date- Broxton Rocks Tour and River Paddle
Registration Opening Soon!!
November 9-10, 2019

This fall, our member field excursion is taking us to Southeast Georgia for a weekend of exploring that is guaranteed to be fun for members, friends, and family. On Saturday morning, we will tour the Broxton Rocks Preserve which boasts 1,650 acres of long leaf pine ecosystem preserve with a very unique geological feature uncommon in GA's Coastal Plain. An ancient band of sandstone has been exposed after years of erosion and the result has left 30-ft high cliffs, fissures, and crevices that boast an amazing list of plants such as the Green-fly orchid growing on rock walls. Rocky Creek provides roaring black-water that flows over and through the rocks creating waterfall features and feeding the nearby Ocmulgee River.

On Sunday, we will plan to paddle a section of the Ocmulgee River from Lumber City, GA down to the confluence with the Oconee River where the mighty Altamaha River begins its journey to the Atlantic Ocean. This river ecosystem brings sandbars, tons of wildlife, and bald cypress trees that tower over as you paddle by. We hope you will join us for this weekend of fun!

Details regarding camping arrangements, schedule and registration for the event can be found on the website at www.eealliance.org/member-field-excursions. If you have questions, please email membership@eealliance.org.

EEA CONFERENCE PROPOSALS DUE SEPT. 30TH

Share your expertise with formal and non-formal educators from around the southeast at the 2020 Environmental Education Alliance Annual Conference.


Submit your proposal for the research symposium or concurrent sessions using the online forms by September 30, 2019. We will notify you with additional details in October.

If you have any questions, please email Jackie Sherry at jackiesherry89@gmail.com.
The Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia’s mission is to promote communication and enrichment among professionals in the field of environmental education through partnerships, initiatives, and access to knowledge and experiences.

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