Fall news from ICEC!

August 2018

ICEC Awarded REAP CEP Grant: Charting a Course for the Future of Conservation Education in Iowa

ICEC is proud to announce that we have been awarded a Resource Enhancement and Protection Conservation Education Program (REAP CEP) grant to support a new project entitled "Charting a Course for the Future of Conservation Education in Iowa: A Needs Assessment and Action Plan."

ICEC has begun this year-and-a-half long project to assess the state of conservation education (CE) in Iowa. Using surveys, interviews, and a statewide summit in February 2019, ICEC will gather information and bring together CE stakeholders from across Iowa to discuss CE priorities and make recommendations for building CE capacity. Results and recommendations will be provided to stakeholders and the public in a report and action plan.

ICEC members and friends are invited to participate by completing an online survey which will arrive in your
If you are interested in being more involved with this project, please contact Alicia at exec@iowae.org for more information!

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**47th NAAEE Annual Conference**

**EE: A Force for the Future**

Research Symposium: October 9-10

Conference: October 10-13

Spokane, WA

NAAEE’s 47th Annual Conference will focus on the power of education to create positive change for the future. EE is a force for building a more civically engaged citizenry. It's a force for creating a more diverse and inclusive movement. It’s a force for linking research and practice, and for demonstrating the impact of interdisciplinary education. It's a force for optimizing human potential and delivering excellent educational opportunities for all. Join us as we share ideas and explore ways to create a more sustainable future through the great power of environmental education.

Early Bird Registration ends August 24th!

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**Recognize Excellence in EE With an NAAEE Award Nomination!**

**Deadline: August 10**

Do you know of an individual or organization that has accomplished great things in environmental education?

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Interested in joining ICEC’s Executive Committee?

Watch your inbox! ICEC will issue a call for nominations for our Executive Committee by October 1st.

ExCom members work together and lead ICEC toward achieving its mission to provide ways for Iowa’s environmental educators to learn, build relationships, and creatively collaborate. This is a great opportunity if you are looking for a leadership position, want to get more involved with ICEC’s activities and administration, or are interested in sharing your skills and expertise in service of a good cause!

Learn more about becoming an ExCom member.
Here is your chance to recognize the wonderful work of incredibly hardworking individuals and organizations for the benefit of the environment. Please consider nominating remarkable individuals and organizations who have done great things in EE with these varied award options:

- Walter E. Jeske Award
- Rosa Parks and Grace Lee Boggs Outstanding Service
- Higher Education Educator of the Year
- K-12 Educator of the Year
- Outstanding Contributions to Research in EE
- Outstanding Affiliate Organization
- Outstanding Service to EE (Individual or Organization)

Note: You must be a current member and logged in to the site to access the nominations form. If you need help with the nomination, let ICEC know! We are an affiliate member of NAAEE and can submit nominations.

Inaugural Outdoor Learning Environments Conference

We had a great conference in Ames June 18-19 with Prairie Rivers of Iowa. Thanks to all who attended and supported the new conference!

For those that joined us for the second day of the conference, check out these links from Linette on project-based/place-based learning:

- Project-based Learning
- What is Place-Based Education
- Taking STEM Outside Documents
July's WILD topic of the month is flooding!  
Read more for activities and resources

Sign up for our WILD email list to receive resources directly in your inbox!

Looking for research about environmental literacy, the benefits of connecting to nature, fostering environmental behaviors, and more? Visit the eeResearch library!

This database is a collaboration between the NAAEE and the Children & Nature Network, with generous support from the Pisces Foundation and ee360. It combines research for the field of environmental education and the movement to connect children and nature, and includes multiple ways to search for articles, syntheses, and research summaries. Learn more >