

Call for Presentations

Midwest Environmental Education Conference

July 26 - 29, 2021

Luther College - Decorah, Iowa



Exploring Community: Land, People, Water is our theme.

How can we explore and re-define “community” to include all land, water, and people? What are we learning about how these systems support, enhance, and depend on each other?

How can environmental education (EE), conservation, and outdoor recreation work together to support, enhance, and create vibrant, sustainable, resilient, healthy communities for all?

Think broadly about what environmental education is and who environmental education serves. Our hope is to appeal to a whole range of educators, like professors/students in conservation/natural sciences, field professions like soil and water research and protection, waste management and recycling, public health, city planners, advocates for greenspace/healthy food, clean energy, mental health, sustainability coordinators, and more for both attendees and presenters.

Join the conversation and “explore community” by presenting at the 2021 Midwest Environmental Education Conference! Conference tracks are broadly broken down into water, land, and people, though as you can see below, no work in this area divides so cleanly.

Don’t limit yourself to this list! We love creative explorations and new ideas!

Land	People	Water
Species Wildlife Ecosystems / Habitat Geology / Geography Diversity Driftless Region Ecotourism Soil Trails Sustainable Agriculture	Health, Well-Being, and the Environment Inclusivity and Diversity Native Communities Covid-19 Adaptation / Virtual Environmental Education Culture Exploration Community and Individual resiliency Outdoor Classrooms Citizen / Community Science Field/Farm to Table Arts and the Environment	Recreation Quality, Monitoring, and Protection Flood Resiliency Karst topography Coldwater streams / Trout Riparian Protection and Restoration Waste Management

Presentation Proposals must be received by November 1, 2020.

Acceptance notification will be sent by January 15, 2021.

Submissions will be through a [Google Form](#). Preview the questions on page three.

Questions? Contact Louis Beck at beck84254@aol.com.

Session Formats

We hope this conference will showcase the many ways environmental education happens. We know that not every idea worth sharing needs a full 60-minute lecture, while others may need even more time. So we've broken presentation slots into lengths that we hope will accommodate everyone. Some ideas are listed, but we encourage you to be creative!

30 Minute Sessions

- Lunch Break Recovery: Help participants avoid the dreaded post-lunch lull through quick, interactive sessions. Perhaps a bit of Yoga outside? A panel for new graduates? Some new ideas for ice-breakers?
- Speed Presentations: Only need a few minutes? Want to tell a story, present a research poster, or throw out a new idea? Speed presentations (variously called Pecha Kucha, ignition talks, lightning talks, etc.) last only 5-10 minutes and will be grouped with others. You can choose to use AV or not.

60 or 90 Minute Sessions

- Share innovative work, projects, or research. Introduce new skills, concepts, or techniques. Think broadly about what it means to be an environmental educator or manager and the role environmental education can play in helping the land, water, and people of our communities thrive. Time for Q & A will be included.
- Campfire Talks / Guided Discussions: Are there conversations you want to have with other environmental educators, but need a dedicated time and space outside of meals and social hours? Jumpstart a discussion-based session where everyone can share their ideas, experiences, and perspectives.

Half Day and Full Day Sessions

It's a summer conference, so we have to have some outside options! Wednesday, July 28 will have half-day and full-day blocks for field trips, field sessions, and immersive experiences. You'll have the option to limit participant numbers, require pre-registration, and charge registration or material fees. If you want to use an outdoor space but need guidance on what is available in the area, let us know.

- Provide a certification training where participants need a set number of contact hours (ie., Project WILD)
- Teach participants how to lead an insect survey, bioblitz, or tree planting
- Model a field trip, lesson, or activity

Early Bird and/or Happy Hour Sessions:

Informal gatherings before or after "scheduled" conference programs for folks that want to do things like go mountain biking or jogging, do some birding, make art, or have a yoga partner. These can be "pop-up" options that happen organically during the conference, or scheduled to require pre-registration.

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This question list is provided for your preparation in submitting a presentation proposal. Please submit your proposal through the Google Form found on the MEEC website: meeconference.org. **All submissions must be received by November 1, 2020. Acceptance notification will be sent by January 15, 2021.**



Presenter Name:

Presenter's Title:

Organization:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Co-Presenters: Please list any co-presenters, including names, titles, organization, and city/state. *The primary presenter is responsible for forwarding information to co-presenters.*

Title of Presentation:

Presentation Summary (2-3 sentences to “sell” your presentation to conference attendees):

Strand (Multiple may apply):

- Land
- Water
- People

Session Format (If you are flexible, multiple may apply):

- Speed Presentation
- 30 Minutes
- 60 Minutes
- 90 Minutes
- Half Day
- Full Day

Depending on the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2021 MEEC Conference may shift virtual if necessary. **Can you do your presentation virtually?**

- Yes, easily
- Yes, with assistance. *If yes, with assistance, what kind of assistance would you need?*
- No

Provide a 100 word description of your proposed presentation. Please explain (generally) if your presentation will involve field experiences, travel, pre-registration, fees, etc. Please also indicate if you are interested in this as an “Early Bird” or “Happy Hour” option.

All indoor sessions will have a screen, projector, and laptop available. **Will you need any other materials that you do not intend to provide yourself?**