

MEEC 2021 Schedule & Room Assignments

Time	Monday	Location
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Conference and Luther Housing Check-in	Valders, outside Rm 206
Pre-Conference Sessions & Activities		
10:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Aaron Wilson - Beginning to End: Create an Environmental Distance Learning Experience (minimum of 5/max 20)	Valders 367
11:30 - 4:30 p.m.	NAAEE Guidelines and WILD Training (limit 20)	Valders 369
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Explore Luther's Natural Areas Trails: Prairies and Woodland Hikes	Valders Atrium
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Keystone AEA Recertification Credit	Valders 369
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Evening Social and Welcome Reception	Toppling Goliath Brewery 1600 Prosperity Rd, Decorah

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8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Conference Check-in	Valders, outside Rm 206
8:30 a.m.	Welcome	Valders 206
Concurrent Sessions		
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Liz Stange - Sustaining Education: A Book Talk w/ Some Real Talk	Valders 262
	Luana Nair - Creatively infusing nature education into schools	Valders 367
	RECORDED - Aaron Maurer - Act Local, Think Global: Using SDG's to help sea turtles and problems of plastic pollution	Valders 375
	Kelsey Fisher - Monarch Butterfly tracking to help in habitat restoration	Valders 362
	Jared McGovern - Teens Take CAARE (Conservation Action through Advocacy Research and Engagement)	Valders 369
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Break / Snack	Valders Atrium
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Tiffany Morgan - User-Generated Science Phenomena with Iowa PBS	Valders 262
	Erica Dodge - Creating an Outdoor Classroom Beyond the Curriculum	Valders 362
	Peggy Doty - Humans Gave Land, Water, and People Boundaries, Yet There are None	Valders 367
	Meg McAloon - Reducing Pesticide Use: How Iowa's Natural Prairies Can Benefit a School District	Valders 369
	VIRTUAL - Bruce Krawisz - Public health effects of climate change Handout (PDF)	Valders 375
11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Break	
11:30 - Noon	Bridget Ransdorf - Using community infrastructure projects to educate outside the classroom	Valders 367
	Daniel Haug - Which Water Worry Where?	Valders 369
	Marcy Seavey - Join a Citizen Science Community	Valders 262
	Steffen Mirskey - ADAPT Community Science Program: Sharing Seeds with Gardeners	Valders 362
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Peace Dining Room – Dahl Centennial Union
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Christina Palmisano - Autism and Outdoor Education	Valders 362
	Dennis Liu - The Half-Earth Project: Conservation in a Connected World	Valders 367
	Martha Brunell - Essential Lessons with Essential Workers	Valders 369
	Karen Van Norman - Karst Outreach and Education materials	Valders 262

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Concurrent Sessions		
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Anna Jennerjohn - Nearby Nature Inquiry: Integrating Environmental Education, Reading and Technology with Elementary Teachers	Valders 375
1:40 - 2:10 p.m.	VIRTUAL - Charling Chen - Art, Design and River Processes	Valders 375
	VIRTUAL – Jessica Schreyer - Embodied Learning in Environmental Literature	Valders 367
	Dale Easley - Communicating Local Climate Data	Valders 362
	Molly McNicoll - Land Care! Supporting stewardship and science for women and girls	Valders 262
2:10 - 2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	VIRTUAL - Kelly Schott - Iowa River Watershed Coalition - Importance of Working Together	Valders 262
	Rebecca Ohrtman - Examine Your Drinking Water Sources	Valders 367
	Stephanie Hatzenbihler - We are Water MN: Relationship-based Water Engagement	Valders 362
	Andrew Boddicker - Walking Space - Finding Your Flow through Footsteps	Valders 369
	VIRTUAL - Theresa Vender Woude - Empowering Individuals to Make Neighborhood Change	Valders 375
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	State Gatherings / Afternoon Excursions / Experiences / Networking	
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
7:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Robin Wall Kimmerer	Valders 206

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Concurrent Sessions								
8:30 a.m.			Welcome and Overview of the Day			Valders 206		
9:00 - 12:15 p.m.			Chelsea Rowcliffe - I Can Eat That?! Wild Edibles in the Classroom (limit 20)			Meet in Valders Atrium		
			Molly McNicoll - Exploring Prairies Through Elementary Eyes: Plants and Pollinators			Meet in Valders Atrium		
			Christine Darr - Cultivating Environmental Identity			Valders 367		
			Stephanie Shepherd - Conserving Species in Urban Spaces: How Cities Can Play a Role in Bumblebee Conservation (limit 20)			Valders 206		
			Ryan Ihrke - Solastalgia: Reconnecting with the Natural World and Mobilizing for the Greater Good (bring item from the natural world important to you) – LIVE/VIRTUAL			Valders 362		
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.			Cindy Thompson - Nurturing Nature Explorers in NE Iowa			Valders 262		
			Leland Searles - The Ecology of Rewilding: A Natural History Curriculum			Valders 369		
			Erin Dorbin - EE using music, poetry, architecture, and social science to develop a curriculum – LIVE/VIRTUAL			Valders 375		
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.			Break					
10:45 - 12:15 p.m.			Elizabeth Reetz - Using EE Fundamentals to Strengthen Public Archaeology Programming and Inspire Cultural Stewardship			Valders 262		
			VIRTUAL – Howard Aprill - Man vs. Wild: Lessons on Humans and Biodiversity			Valders 375		
			Noah Christians - Biophilic Effects on Long-Term Concept Retention, Academic Achievement, and Intrinsic Motivation in Secondary Science			Valders 369		
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.			Lunch			Peace Dining Room – Dahl Centennial Union		
Off-Site Field Sessions								
1:15 - 4:30 p.m.			Iowa Dairy Center and Northeast Iowa Community College - Calmar			All off-site sessions will meet at the Library Parking Lot		
			NE Iowa Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) office Postville and Green's Sugar Bush - Castalia					
			Seed Savers Exchange - Decorah					
			Luna Valley Farm and Canoe Creek - Decorah					
Concurrent Sessions								
1:15 - 2:45 p.m.			Linda Schenk - Our Community Environment: A Simple Simulation Model for Eco-Storytelling and Collaboration in the Classroom, in the Community			Valders 262		
			Stacey Snyder - Geo-Inquiry Process			Valders 362		
			Peter Dargatz - Teaching Off Trail			Valders 369		

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2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Mary Young Bear - Revitalization of Meskwaki Cattail/Bulrush Weaving and Sewing	Valders 367
	Jay Gorsh – School of the Wild: Launching a Statewide Program	Valders 375
	Henry Whitehead - Implementing EE for Undergraduates in the Driftless Region	Valders 362
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Participants will enjoy an open-air reception, vendor fair, food, and live music with a beautiful Driftless Area backdrop.	Decorah Fish Hatchery / 2321 Siewers Spring Rd, Decorah

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8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Announcements and Plenary Speaker: Dean Jacobs	Valders 206
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break	
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	David Faldet - The Four-Stranded Braid: Teaching Kimmerer’s Sweetgrass in a Landscape Mosaic	Valders 262
	Barb Ehlers - Nourishing Our Water and Soil: A STEM Approach to Soil Science	Valders 362
	Hanna Schmitt - Dart Frogs: A TOADally UnFROGettable Classroom Pet	Valders 367
	Mandie Sanderman - Creating Deeper Connections for Students Through the Crosscutting Concepts	Valders 369
	Claire Carlson - The Recycling Lady	Valders 375
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 - Noon	Becca Montgomery – Ioponics, a classroom aquaponics systems for science education	Valders 369
	Laura Walter - Lessons from Prairie Roots: Establishing Connections Among Land, Water, and People Through Active Learning	Valders 367
	Rachel Brummel - Educating for the Anthropocene: Towards an Environmental Pedagogy of Hope and Action	Valders 262
	Adam Janke - Decolonizing and Diversifying Natural Resources Education: Experiences at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach	Valders 362
	VIRTUAL – Justin Glisan – Iowa Climate Variability and Impacts on Weather	Valders 375
Noon	Box Lunch and Safe Travels	Peace Dining Room – Dahl Centennial Union