



ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Greetings!

As we head into summer AAEE has some very exciting things afoot! We are proud to announce the launching of our new [website](#) with many useful EE resources, as well as brand new AAEE [membership](#) offerings. We've begun our second 2017 cohort for the [Basic EE Certification Program](#) with 19 participants ready to learn. We are also planning an exciting [gathering](#) for our membership to be held in September at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Read more about it below! In the meantime, take some time to relax, munch on something cool, and enjoy some summer fun!



-LoriAnne Barnett, AAEE President

New AAEE Memberships Are Here!

We are so pleased to announce that AAEE is now offering five different membership levels. Member benefits include community forums, job postings, discounts to workshops and events, and more! [Sign up today!](#)



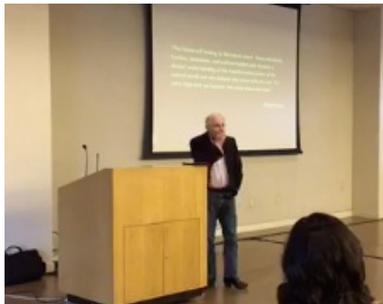
September Workshop: Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Save the date! **September 23** join AAEE for a day of professional development at the beautiful Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Activities include lectures, walks and more! Stay tuned for more details and registration information.



Richard Louv speaks at the Desert Botanical Garden

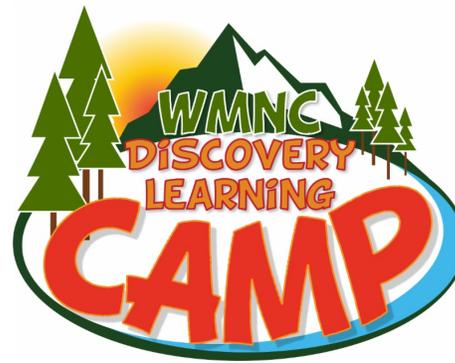
Richard Louv was the keynote speaker for the Desert Botanical Garden's Annual Member's Meeting in May. He spoke about children and nature, and we learned about the design plans for DBG's new Burgur Children's Garden. Nikki Julien from Nature Play Learning was there to get the scoop and tell us all about it.



Spotlight: White Mountain Nature

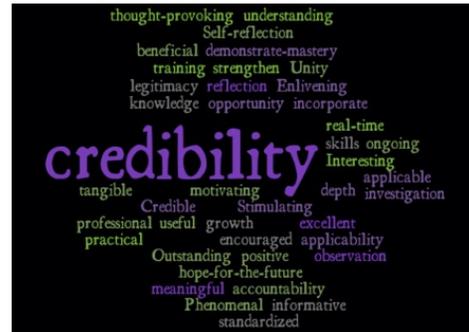
Center Kid's Nature Camp

This summer let your child experience the wonders of nature at the [STEM White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center Kids' Discovery Learning Camp](#). This program uses resources from Project WET, Project Wild, Project Learning Tree, NOAA, and more. Each week guest speakers address the theme of the week, which correlates with the Nature Center's Discovery Series.



Fall EE Certification Registration Open. Sign up today!

See what past participants said about the Environmental Education Certification! We're accepting applications for the August cohort until July 21. If you're interested in learning more, join us for one of our free live webinars. View the schedule and RSVP [here](#).



South Mountain EEC: Building community to build environmental stewards!

While celebrating the biological diversity of one of the largest municipal parks in the nation is an important aspect of our work, good EE also honors and celebrates the cultural history that has shaped the park and the people that live in the surrounding communities today. In this spirit, ACNC has been focusing on building relationships to help us understand the values, needs and interests of the people of South Phoenix and the great organizations that have been doing work locally for many more years than we have.



How Many People Does ONE Arizona Environmental Educator Reach?

AAEE is conducting a survey to find out just how many people one environmental educator reaches in the course of a year. [Take the survey!](#)



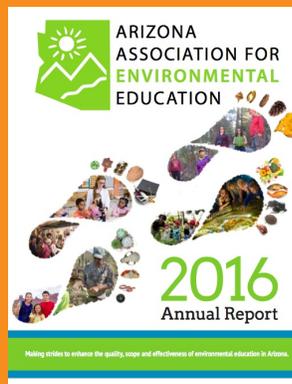
ESSTEEM Club

Summer is heating up! Many members of ESSTEEM are off exploring the outdoors and visiting different sites across the US. Very exciting news for all curriculum lovers... A handful of ESSTEEM members have partnered with both the Phoenix Zoo and the Odyssey Aquarium to write curriculum! The curriculum can be accessed for homeschool use, as well as teachers and parents who visit either site. We have also started a cohort of 12 that are currently working on becoming certified in STEAM on a state level. If you are seeking any information on upcoming events, or would like more information on current happenings, please visit our [Facebook page](#).



We look forward to an exciting summer!

Peralta Trail, Superstition Mountains



[Download the 2016 Annual Report](#)

See how AAEE made strides in 2016! This report includes the state of EE in Arizona report, financials, survey results and more!



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News from NAAEE

[New Publication in the Guidelines for Excellence Series](#)

Attention educators working with multiple partners in our communities! NAAEE has released a new publication in their Guidelines for Excellence Series. The [Community Engagement Guide](#) focuses on community wellness and is designed to help environmental educators create inclusive environments that support effective partnerships and collaborations. Watch a webinar announcing the publication.



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