



## ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

### News from NAAEE

After much deliberation and with great sadness NAAEE and their Puerto Rico counterparts have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2017 Conference in light of the tragic situation unfolding due to Hurricane Maria.

The Team wanted to find a way to help our fellow citizens and educators in need and thus has put together a donation program with a mission to preserve the island's beauty and educate about the importance of conservation and stewardship. Consider making a donation to the "Together for Puerto Rico Fund" sponsored by NAAEE and our nonprofit partner and conference co-chair, Para La Naturaleza (PLN). 100% of your donation will be delivered to Para La Naturaleza. Join our NAAEE President in making a contribution.

The Conference team is also working to find a way to deliver planned content to our members via webinars, so as soon as we have information available we will send it along to you.

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### Environmental Education in Tanzania

At this very moment, environmental education is taking place all around the world. And that's very exciting! It is subject to the parameters and historical context unique to each region, and is often very different than environmental education here in the United States. But regardless of the shape and size of the effort, environmental education is extremely critical no matter where it's taught.

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### 2018 EE Certification

It's that time again! We are accepting participants to join the growing number of Arizona Certified Environmental Educators! This self-paced, online certification course results in a personal portfolio of resources you can rely upon as an educator for years to come. You'll learn to apply the Arizona Framework for Environmental Concepts and Themes and the North American Association for Environmental Education's Guidelines for Excellence. The course is suitable for ANYONE who communicates environmental concepts to students or the public - and is not just for formal educators. Scholarships may be available.



**Cost: \$250 with a \$20 application fee (non-refundable). Submit your Application for Intent by**

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## **Want more EE Training? Volunteer with Audubon Arizona!**

At the [Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center](#) near downtown Phoenix, Audubon Arizona conducts environmental education programs for youth in grades K-12. This semester is bigger than ever as they have over 700 students booked for field trips in September and October! This means we are needing more assistance with leading our education programs. Volunteers do not have to be experts in any of the conservation topics we teach as training and shadowing is provided.



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## **Want even more EE Training? Become a Certified Arizona Master Naturalist!**

Interested in becoming a natural resource leader in Arizona? This nation-wide program is once again available in our state. Certified Master Naturalists take a 60-hour hands-on place-based natural history course and field session and give back 60 hours of volunteer service in education, stewardship, and citizen science annually. Trainings are underway in Tucson and are being planned in several other metro centers. Looking for trained volunteers to assist you with your environmental education needs? We've got that too - join us as a local partner. Want to host a training of your own? We've got a list of over 200 people interested in participating.



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## **Halloween Happenings: Enchanted Trail / Sendero Encantado**

**October 20 & 21 5:30- 8:00 p.m.** Enchanted Trail (Sendero Encantado) is a free annual, bilingual and educational family festival held every October at the Rio Salado Audubon Center in South Phoenix. The "nature by night" Fall festival teaches children and adults about nature, science, and Arizona's nocturnal wildlife through a scavenger hunt and several other fun activities.



Participants can stay and enjoy our night hike; view live wildlife including owls, snakes, scorpions and more; meet and learn from local scientists; get some food; and make a nocturnal animal mask inside the Center – just in time for Halloween!

Stop by for one or both nights at the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center, located at 3131 S. Central Ave., Phoenix 85040.

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## **Population Education: World of 7 Billion Video**

## **Contest**

Back by popular demand, the *World of 7 Billion* student video contest helps you bring technology and creativity into your middle and high school classes. The contest challenges your students to create a short video connecting world population growth and one of three global challenges: Advancing Women and Girls, Feeding 10 Billion, or Preventing Pollution. Students can win up to \$1,000 and participating teachers will receive free curriculum resources. Contest deadline is February 22, 2018.

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## **AAEE Member Forum**

Join the conversation! AAEE Members have access to our new Members only forum where you can connect with other Environmental Educators across the state. Join AAEE today for this new member benefit and help strengthen the network of Environmental Education professionals in Arizona.

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