



MAEOE

Maryland Association for Environmental
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*Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education
(MAEOE)*

2016 Annual Conference

***Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Stewards:
Engaging Students, Schools and Communities***

In February 2016, The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) will bring educators, resource personnel, scientists and researchers together to share experiences and ideas. Be a part of the Annual Conference! Do you have great ideas, lesson plans or favorite activities that you want to share? Are you an expert on cutting edge Environmental Education topics? **Consider presenting at the 2016 MAEOE Conference, February 4-7, 2016 at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, Maryland.**

Please view information at <http://www.maeoe.org/conference> and use the link below to submit your proposal for pre-conference workshops, conference sessions and field trips. **The on-line proposals are due no later than September 14, 2015, 5:00pm.** Thank you for being a part of MAEOE!

Link for submitting proposals:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MAEOE_Annual_Conference

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Request for Proposals - MAEOE Conference 2015

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The main components of the online proposal will be looking for the following information:

Session Type:

There are a number of ways you can present your ideas or share your experiences. Consider the following options:

Friday Workshops:

- half day (3 hour) workshop, or
- full day (6 hours) workshop

Saturday Session:

- 60 minute presentation
- 130 minute presentation (double session)
- Poster session

Sunday Field Trips

- 1-3 hours

Primary Audience Level:

What audience will benefit most from your presentation?

- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- Secondary
- Adult
- General Audience



Strands

The strands are areas that we are focusing on this conference. The strand helps to shape or categorize your presentation for attendees, please review the following strands, you will be asked to select one that best fits your presentation.

Strand One: *Natural History, Conservation & Stewardship*

Sessions in this strand focus on increasing participant's knowledge of the natural world and how it functions. Topics could include a focus on conservation, preservation, human history, flora and fauna identification, general ecology or interpretation or place-based community action. Connections should be made between educators and practitioners in rural, suburban and/or urban environments .

Strand Two: *Hot Button Topics*

Sessions should focus on current trends and issues in environmental or outdoor education. Topics could include diversity, alternative energy, climate change, environmental health, or education methods to engage an audience in a discussion of topics of contention.

Strand Three: *Lessons & Examples from the Field*

Share your experiences, programs, tips and tricks for environmental and outdoor education. Activities in and out of the classroom, connections with curriculum, hands-on lessons and experiences help build our teaching capacity, including NGSS and MWEs. Share what you did and how you did it.

Strand Four: *Partnerships in Action*

Partnerships are crucial for building capacity and providing environmental education programming, these sessions would share experiences with funding, working with profits and non-profits, formal and nonformal environmental educators, capacity building and outreach, and know-how in developing partnerships and finding partners.



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Strand Five: *Greening Maryland Schools*

These sessions focus on all things related to becoming a MAEOE green school as well as tips and tricks to have schools become “greener”. Staff development and buy-in, engaging the school community, student led projects, tips and tricks for schools, and successful efforts to green a school would fit this strand.

Strand Six: *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)*

The environment can be the center of STEAM learning. This strand explores ways to infuse STEAM activities and projects into environmental education efforts. These are ways to integrate art, design, use popular software, apps, geographic information systems or other technology to teach or solve environmental issues.

Strand Seven: *Food, Farm, Environment, School*

Schools throughout the state are planting gardens and connecting with farmers to learn where food comes from, about the economics of farming, farm to table and the ties to our environment. Share examples of Agricultural/Environmental education tied to NGSS, STEM and EE standards on the school grounds and in the classroom.

Proposal Information: *It is recommended that you write this information ahead of time in another application and cut and paste it into the online proposal.*

Presentation Title (limit 10 words) - Remember – this helps ‘sell’ your presentation to attendees.

Detail Description: (Limit 3000 characters (400-500 words)) This is used by the reviewers to understand what your presentation is about. Provide an outline of what you will do during your workshop or session. Provide enough detail so reviewers will have a good idea of what will happen during your workshop or session.



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Program Description (less than 500 characters - 100 words) - **This is the description that will go in the program and entice people to come to your session - so sell it!** Be descriptive enough for conference attendees, but concise. This may be edited in the final program.

As part of the proposal you will also be asked how you would like the room set up and if there is a second presenter.

Up to two presenters per presentation can register using the presenter discount! Thank you for considering being part of the MAEOE Conference!

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