

California Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (AEOE)



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Message from the President

Can you believe fall is here? Seems like it was only yesterday that I was wishing for summer and now it's come and gone, all too fast!

I hope this message finds you all refreshed from your summer adventures and ready for another school year educating California's people in environmental and outdoor education. If you're in need of an energy boost this fall, I recommend checking out one of our regional conferences. We are fortunate this year to have been offered great deals for lodging and meals by Walden West Outdoor School and YMCA Camp Surf for our conferences. Without the discounted rates they have given us, we would not be able to provide our conferences at the great low rates that you are used to. Please check out the flyers for the conferences in this newsletter and always check aeoe.org for more information.

The board has been busy this summer, reviewing and revising governance documents and procedures for our conferences. We will soon be deep in the planning of the NAAEE 2012 conference and want to make sure that we continue to offer the same fantastic conferences for our membership. If you're interested in being involved in the planning for the NAAEE 2012 conference, please e-mail me at president@aeoe.org.

There has been discussion among leaders in environmental education in California about the need for a central EE organization and the AEOE board has been talking about our potential role in that. If you have thoughts, questions, or comments, or would like to be involved in that discussion, please e-mail me. When we're ready, we'll hold an open session for member comment, most likely at the spring statewide conference.

I wish you all the best in your careers this fall season and hope to see many of you at the regional conferences in November!

Thank you for your support of AEOE!

Ryan Brennan
President, AEOE



Greetings from the Northern Chair!



I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and all the adventures that it had to offer. I have always equated summer with freedom. Much of my youth was spent adventuring along the Tuolumne River, from which I only lived a couple of blocks away. Hiking up river to my favorite cliff, swinging on rope swings, swimming, catching frogs and inner tubing home (best commute ever). Summer brought endless days and endless possibilities. It is the endless possibilities that I am drawn to these days.

As the sun rises on a new school year we too rise up and share the wonders and endless possibilities that our natural world has to offer. In spite of a sluggish economy we persevere. Despite a society holding on to old ideals that harm our planet, we instill hope. Hope in the minds and hearts of those we teach that their future has the possibility to be wonderful. Our organization was founded on these ideals.

While studying the history of AEOE you can see that those who came long before us had a genuine sense of endless possibility. A sense that they could pioneer a brand of education that would bring people of all ages back to the outdoors and foster a true belief in stewardship. What struck me the most was the collaborative spirit in which this took place.

What started out as localized trainings, conferences were the staging grounds for sharing new ideals and practices. It is a tradition that we carry on today. In November we will once again gather for our fall conferences. We welcome everyone from all branches of the EE tree. From outdoor schools, museums, aquariums, zoos, gardens, farms, classrooms, and beyond, join us in creating the endless possibilities of a harmonious earth.

See you in November!
Jymn "Scooby" Meier
Northern Chair

*"For man, autumn is a
time of harvest, of
gathering together.
For nature, it is a time of
sowing, of scattering
abroad."*

Edwin Way Teale



Greetings from the Southern Chair!

Fall has arrived in Southern California. That must mean it is time to grab your surfboard and head to the beach. Yes, you read that correctly. The Southern AEOE Fall conference is being held this year at YMCA Camp Surf near San Diego. Get ready to join us November 12- 14 for a fun filled weekend at the beach. AEOE would like to thank Camp Surf for offering us an amazing discount to keep our conference cost low. In difficult economic times, their support of AEOE is most appreciated! The fall conference is a great time to share your expertise with other educators as a workshop presenter. Visit the AEOE website to submit a workshop proposal or contact me at southernchair@aeoe.org. Presenters at the AEOE fall conference receive a 50% discount off the conference registration fee!

Are you interested in becoming more involved in AEOE? Would you like to give back to the organization that has provided you with fabulous conferences, job postings, and more? The Southern Council is currently searching for a Chair Elect. This position is a great way to become familiar with the operations of AEOE and allows you the chance to plan future conferences. Contact me for more information or check out the posting on www.aeoe.org.

I hope your school year is off to a wonderful start. Thank you for sharing your passion for the environment with the students of Southern California. See you at Camp Surf!

Carrie Bryant
Southern Chair



"In the garden, autumn is indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb color effects as from August to November."

Rose G. Kingsley

AEOE Southern Fall Conference

YMCA Camp Surf
Imperial Beach, CA

November 12-14, 2010

Includes...Beach camping or dorms,
Saturday breakfast thru Sunday breakfast,
over 25 workshops (surf lessons available),
Saturday night open mic and campfire!



Cost: \$55 Pre-Registration
\$70 Walk-in

IT'S FOR EVERYBODY 



AEOE

Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education

For more info visit
www.aeoe.org

2010 NORTHERN FALL CONFERENCE



WALDEN WEST OUTDOOR SCHOOL
SARATOGA, CA
NOVEMBER 5-7 2010
\$55 Advanced Registration
\$70 Walk-in Registration

FRIENDS AND FELLOW EDUCATORS, JOIN US AMIDST THE MIGHTY REDWOODS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AS WE SHARE IN THE PHILOSOPHIES AND TECHNIQUES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION. MANY OF THE FIELD'S BRIGHTEST MINDS WILL BE ON-HAND TO LEAD WORKSHOPS, SONGS, STORIES AND A FEW SURPRISES. COME CAMP UNDER THE STARS OR STAY IN COZY DORMS FOR A WEEKEND YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!

FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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*"Winter is an etching,
spring a watercolor,
summer an oil painting
and autumn a mosaic of
them all."*

Stanley Horowitz



Changes to Membership

By Helen de la Maza
AEOE Membership Coordinator



As AEOE increases in membership, and delves into the world of new-fangled technology (online registration! accepting credit card payments!), the Board has been looking for ways to ensure accuracy and simplicity in our database and records. In light of these, we have changed the membership cycle.

To simplify the membership process, we will now have only two possible membership cycles for all Individual and Institutional members:

Cycle 1 Calendar Year: January 1 - December 31

Expiration date: December 31

Anyone joining/renewing between January 1 - June 30 will have an expiration date of Dec. 31 of the same year.

Example: Join April 5, 2010; membership expires Dec. 31, 2010 (covers spring and fall conferences)

Cycle 2: School Year: July 1 - June 30

Expiration date: June 30

Anyone joining/renewing between July 1 - December 31 will have an expiration date of June 30 of the following year.

Example: Join October 1, 2010; membership expires June 30, 2011 (covers fall and spring conferences)

This two-cycle membership has been implemented; all members will expire December 31 or June 30. We encourage Individual and Institutional members to renew annually to take advantage of being active members for 12 months.

Any questions can be addressed to membership@aeoe.org.

Thank you for your support!

*"Listen! The wind is
rising, and the air is wild
with leaves, we have had
our summer evenings,
now for October eves!"*

Humbert Wolfe

Joie's Daisy's Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in a scholarship! We are excited to have the opportunity to help you attend the AEOE Fall Conference, while remembering the life of Joie Armstrong. Please follow the steps below:

- Fill out a paper copy of the conference registration form found in the fall newsletter
- Fill out the Scholarship Application form below
- Send your conference registration form, scholarship application, and your check for your conference registration fees (and membership, if applicable), **postmarked by October 23, 2010** to:

Helen de la Maza
8 Ardmore
Irvine, CA 92602

Please contact Helen de la Maza at delamazah@earthlink.net or at 714-838-8990 if you have any questions.

Late or incomplete Scholarship Packets will not be considered.

AEOE Fall Conference Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Program/School Affiliation: _____

1. On a separate page, answer **one** (or more, if you are inspired) of the following questions by writing an essay or by responding in your own way, e.g., drawing, song, diagram.

- Explain your current situation and why you feel a scholarship to this conference will be beneficial to you.
- Why are you drawn to the environmental and outdoor education field?
- What are your aspirations and dreams for the future?
- Create a lesson plan detailing how you'll inspire your students to keep the lessons of outdoor education going after they've gotten home. Extra points for incorporating this year's theme!

2. Determine your cost. The registration fee is \$55. The maximum scholarship amount you may receive is \$35. YOU MUST ALSO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OR IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED (\$15 student/intern, \$20 basic).

Fall Conference registration fee	\$55
- Subtract amount you can afford to pay for registration (minimum \$20, does not include membership)	- \$_____
= Total scholarship amount requested (maximum \$35)	\$_____
Payment Total (\$55 – requested scholarship + membership, if applicable)	\$_____

3. Please send your conference registration form, scholarship application, and check for conference registration (and membership, if applicable), **postmarked by October 23, 2010**, to:

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This application DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a scholarship to the conference. If you do not receive a scholarship, you can choose to pay the full early registration conference fee of \$55, or you can request that your check be returned to you. The scholarship committee will contact all applicants within one week of the deadline.

AEOE Wants You!

We are looking for interested members to fulfill a few positions within the organization.

Fundraiser

The Fundraiser will be responsible for developing and presenting to the Board a proposed fundraising campaign for the current year which considers grants, events and solicited donations. The Fundraiser will identify grants for which AEOE might successfully compete and are aligned with the mission and current activities of the organization. The Fundraiser will be responsible for the grant-writing or the delegation of the task to another individual able to do so. The Fundraiser will also communicate with the section Chairs about the fundraising activities of the sections and about needs of the sections which might be served by obtaining a state level grant. If you are interested in this position, please e-mail: president@aeoe.org.

Marketing Coordinator

The Marketing Coordinator will be responsible for establishing and maintaining contacts. They will research and reach out to diverse organizations within the EE field by publicizing our organization's events, including regional and statewide conferences. They will also develop and present to the Board an annual marketing plan, work to build capacity within the organization, work with the Chief Financial Officer on annual marketing budget, and work with the Fundraiser to form fundraising campaigns. If you are interested in this position, please e-mail: president@aeoe.org.

Council Members

As always, we are looking for members interested in helping out on the section councils. If you are interested in joining a council, please speak with a chair. For the Northern section, please e-mail: northern.chair@aeoe.org
For the Southern section, please e-mail: southern.chair@aeoe.org.

Advocacy Coordinator

The Advocacy Coordinator will be responsible for keeping the board and membership up-to-date on ongoing issues in the environmental education world. They will take part in monthly phone calls, be responsible for maintaining and updating an advocacy listserv, occasionally send out updates on things that need action. If you are interested in this position, please e-mail: president@aeoe.org.

Administrative Assistant

This is a paid position with AEOE. The essential functions of this job are to provide administrative, secretarial and project assistant services for AEOE, primarily in the areas of individual/institutional relationships, administrative support, and special projects. If you are interested in this position, please e-mail: president@aeoe.org.

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus



"Thy bounty shines in autumn unconfined and spreads a common feast for all that live."

James Thomson

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