



NC Association of Environmental Education Centers

2025 Professional Development Institute

Friday, March 14

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Time	Session Location			
	Morris Center	Morris Center Annex	Falcon	Porch
8:45 – 9:45	Registration and Coffee			
9:45 – 10:00	Opening Remarks Rev. Nick Jeffries, Director, Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center NCAEEC Update – Katie Lilly and Marty Wiggins WNC Update			
10:00 – 11:00	Science Standards in Full Bloom! A Guide for EE Centers Dr. Debra Hall, NC Department of Public Instruction K-5 Science Consultant During this session, we'll dig into the NC K-12 Science Standards, explore strategies for aligning your resources with these standards, and discover ways to better engage educators in meaningful collaboration. Whether you're looking to refresh your offerings or deepen your impact, this session will provide the tools and inspiration to help your programs thrive. Let's grow together and bring science education to life!			
11:05 – 11:50	Telling our Stories through Interpretive Design Tim Rayworth	State of AWE: Resources on Air, Water and Earth from DEQ Educators Janina Millis and Amy Pitts	Citizen Science for EE Centers with Little Time and No Money Chris Goforth	

11:55 – 12:40	Prepped and Ready: Strategies for Effective Group Programs Kelly Hendrix	Building Bridges: Strategies for Engaging All Audiences Brooke Brooke Wilson		
12:40 – 1:40	<p align="center">Lunch (Morris Center) During lunch Michele Kloda will lead a popcorn style shared discussion about program successes and flops! Be prepared to share your stories! Michele Kloda, Director of Innovation and Design Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</p>			
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1:45 – 2:40	Canoeing on Fellowship Lake	Tour Chestnut Ridge Community Farm	Geology Hike	
2:45 – 3:30	How You Can Help Build North Carolina's Bird Atlas CC King	Organizing Program Supplies with Limited Space and Time Krista Roa		Using Artificial Habitats to Enhance Camps and Public Programs Christine Peckman
3:35 – 3:45	Closing Remarks Evaluation			