

2025 Outdoor Classroom Symposium

At-A-Glance

SESSION LOCATION	REEVES AUDITORIUM A	REEVES AUDITORIUM B	JOSLIN CLASSROOM 106	JOSLIN CLASSROOM 107	GROWING CLASSROOM 110	BELL SEMINAR ROOM	COURTYARD
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	Registration and Coffee Covered walkway outside Reeves Auditorium						
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Reeves Auditorium A and B</i>						
9:30 AM - 9:50 AM	General Session: Environmental Literacy Through Natural Phenomena: Teaching Science with the Observable World <i>Reeves Auditorium A and B</i>						
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Learn to Love Lichens	NC Atlas of Phenomena	Using Artificial Habitats to Enhance Outdoor Learning	Lincoln Heights: The Story of an Environmental Connections Magnet Elementary	What's Your Evidence for That?	Teaching Outdoor Ethics and Setting Expectations	



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10:55 AM - 11:40 AM	Discover Your Urban Forest with Project Learning Tree	Connecting with Your Local Soil and Water Conservation District	Unlocking the Outdoor Classroom: A Living Laboratory of Learning	Learning Happens Here with NCDNCR	Creating Inclusive Outdoor Experiences: Tools and Strategies for Diverse Student Needs	Inquiry-Based Science Learning Utilizing the 5E Model	
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	Gather in Reeves Auditorium for lunch instructions and lunch speakers						
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch - You are welcome to each your lunch in the auditorium or in the garden. Please visit the resource table. <i>The garden shop is open and has a great selection of books, art, T-shirts, and native plants.</i>						
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Outdoor and Place-Based Explorations for Examining Extreme Heat in Your Community	"The Sky is Falling!" Practicing Scientific Inquiry Through Acorn Analysis	Help Scientists from Your Schoolyard	Nature as Classroom: Discovering Phenomena in the Schoolyard	The UnderStory Project: Seed Balls and Sling Shots	A Guide to Creating Low-Maintenance Perennial Gardens for Your Classroom	Geology: Hidden in Plain Sight
2:40 PM - 4:10 PM	Growing in Science through the Power of Literacy	Using Nature Journals as a Tool for Scientific Inquiry	Creative Pathways to Standards: Outdoor Learning and Community Partnerships in Action	Water Education in the Classroom and Outside	Sharing Seeds of Knowledge: Community Seed Libraries in K-12 Schools	Reimagining the Curriculum: Native American History and Culture	Rooted in Standards: Outdoor Learning at the NC Botanical Garden
4:10 PM - 4:30 PM	Closing Remarks and Evaluation						

