

EEASC Summer Conference
Greenville, SC • June 15-17, 2018

Friday, June 15, 2018		
9:00am		Project Learning Tree PreK-8 Educator Workshop (9:00am-12:00pm) Roper Mountain Science Center 402 Roper Mountain Rd., Greenville, SC 29615 This event has separate registration but is free to the first 25 registrants. Participants are required to complete 3 hours of on-line training in advance.
9:30am		
10:00am	EEASC Board Meeting (10:00am-12:00pm) Christ Church Episcopal School 567 Wenwood Dr., Greenville, SC 29607	
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12:00pm		
12:30pm	Lunch On Your Own (12:00-1:00pm)	
1:00pm		
1:30pm	Conference Check-in at Christ Church Upper School, 567 Wenwood Dr. Greenville, SC 29607 (1:00-1:30pm)	
2:00pm	General Sessions at Christ Church Upper School (1:30pm-4:30pm): Christ Church Episcopal School Environmental Education Projects Citizen-Scientist Programs Green Messaging in Diverse Communities	
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4:30pm	4:30pm: Evening and Dinner On Your Own	
	Optional Evening Activities: Project WET Facilitator Meeting and Dinner, Location TBA Starry Nights and FrogWatch Meetup, Location TBA	

Saturday, June 16, 2018		
Location: Conestee Nature Park, 840 Mauldin Rd., Greenville, SC 29605		
8:00am	Continental Breakfast (8:00-8:30am)	
8:30am	Kickoff and Announcements (8:30-9:00am)	
9:00am	Introduction to Conestee Nature Park by Dr. Dave Hargett (9:00-9:30am)	
9:30am	Guided Walks in Conestee Nature Park (9:30am-12:00pm)	
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12:00pm	Lunch at Conestee Nature Park (12:00-1:00pm)	
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1:00pm	Travel to Roper Mountain Science Center, 402 Roper Mountain Rd., Greenville, SC 29615	
1:30pm	Roper Mountain Butterfly Festival (1:30-3:00pm) <i>Participants must wear conference name tags for free entry into the butterfly festival.</i>	
2:00pm		
2:30pm		
3:00pm	Butterfly Encounter Private Viewing (3:00-3:30pm)	
3:30pm	General Sessions (3:45-5:15pm): Clemson School Garden for SC Educators School Pollinator Projects (Includes Mason Bee Nesting Box Make and Take)	
4:00pm		
4:30pm		
5:00pm		
5:30pm	Rest/Free Time (5:30-6:30pm)	
6:00pm		
6:30pm	Silent Auction and Awards Dinner (6:30pm) Roper Mountain Science Center 402 Roper Mountain Rd., Greenville, SC 29615	
7:00pm		
7:30pm		
8:00pm		

Sunday, June 17, 2018	
Location: Meet at Field Trip Locations (See Details)	
8:00am	Breakfast On Your Own
8:30am	Field Trip Options: Paris Mountain State Park with Cathy and Tim Taylor Kayaking Trip (requires pre-registration, separate fee, and limited space) Greenville Zoo (required pre-registratio and separate fee)
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12:00pm	Conference Ends (12:00pm)

EEASC 2018 Conference Details

June 15, 9 am – Noon, Project Learning Tree PreK-8 Educator Workshop at Roper Mt. Science Center.

Free to first 25 to pre-register. Three hours on-line training must be completed before workshop. Pre-register by June 4 to get on-line access code.

Friday afternoon, 2-4:30 pm, June 15, 2018 , Sessions and Presenters-

Citizen Science- Gateway to the scientific community and improved environmental health,
 Rachel Enggasser, 2016 EPA Region 4 National PEYA Award Recipient
Discover the opportunities for K12 citizen science participation and learn tips on how to effectively support students.

CCES Environmental Education Projects

Gina Varat (MS Science), Katie Kramer (US Science)
Katie and Gina will share some of the school's newest environmental projects. Learn about tower gardens, vermicompost and eco-columns inside and then stop by the outdoor garden and classroom on the way to our newest project – the wetland lab.

Green Messaging in Diverse Communities

Jane Hiller (EEASC Board Member, Education Specialist, Sonoco Recycling), Tameria M. Warren, Ph.D (Senior Project Manager, Whitetail Environmental, LLC; Adjunct Professor, USC), and Chenille Williams (EEASC Board Member, Education Coordinator, Richland County Stormwater Management)
This session will discuss ways in which educators can effectively engage predominantly African American communities in more environmental activities. A panel of professionals will share their experiences and strategies in reaching out to the community and building effective relationships.

Saturday morning, June 16, Lake Conestee Nature Park Field Trip- 9 am

Introduction to Lake Conestee Nature Park, 840 Mauldin Rd., Greenville

Dr. Dave Hargett, Director of Lake Conestee Nature Park

Guided Lake Conestee Nature Park Walks

Guides- Sarah Whitmire, Director of Education; Tricia Kyzer, Nature Educator; Taylor Phillips, Nature Educator, and Gina Varat, Former Director of Education

Join park educators for a walk through the park to discover the rich history of the land and the story of the resiliency of nature! This is a premier birding spot so don't forget your binoculars!

Walks are on easy terrain.

Lake Conestee Nature Park (LCNP) consists of 400 acres of forests, wetlands, and meadows on the Reedy River just 6 miles south of downtown Greenville, SC. A good portion of the park is identified by SCDHEC and the EPA Region IV as a "watershed-derived Brownfields site". LCNP was created in 2000 to conserve the land as a nature park and wildlife sanctuary for public and nature education.

Saturday, June 16, 2018, 1:30 – 3 pm- Roper Mountain Science Center Butterfly Adventure

Explore the Hall of Natural Science Discovery Rooms, Marine Lab, Ecology Lab, Rainforest Lab and the Living History Farm that are open for our Butterfly Adventure. **At 3 pm, when the event closes for the public, meet the EEASC group in the Ecology Lab in the Harrison Hall of Natural Science for a private tour of the Butterfly Encounter in the Rainforest. Wear your conference nametag!**

Saturday afternoon, June 16, Sessions and Presenters- 3:45 – 5:15 pm

Clemson School Garden for SC Educators Program

Patricia Whitener, Greenville County 4H Agent

Learn about Clemson's program to get gardens into schools and about how to use school gardens to teach students the healthy benefits of eating fresh vegetables they grow themselves.

Pollinator Project Ideas

Anne Howell, Master Naturalist and Roper Mt. Science Center Instructor

Address the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations by building a mason bee nesting box and visiting a pollinator wall and garden.

Sunday morning Field Trips-

Paris Mountain State Park Aquatic Ecology Field Trip, Cathy Taylor, Interpretive Ranger
Meet at Visitor Center at Paris Mt. State Park at 9:30 am (Park in lot #3, across from the Park Center)

Based on the Discover Carolina Aquatic Ecology program for fifth graders, Ranger Cathy Taylor will lead us as we conduct field investigations to determine water quality in this forested watershed. Starting with a nature walk to Mountain Creek, we will wade into ankle-deep waters, collecting macro-invertebrates. We will measure the abiotic factors of temperature and pH. In the park lab, we will view our creek finds under the microscope and use our data to assess the water quality. A limited number of water shoes are available, or you can bring your own. We will be walking about one mile roundtrip on an easy to moderate trail for this 2 hour program.

Saluda River Paddling Trip, Sarah Whitmire, Trip organizer

Pre-registration and payment of \$40 required by May 4. Limited to 9 participants.

Enjoy an easy 3 hour, flat water paddle from Saluda Lake up the Saluda River. Meet at Saluda Lake Landing at 605 Motorboat Boat Club Rd., Greenville. Dress for a paddling trip!

Greenville Zoo- *Zoo opens at 9 am. Allow for 2 hours for your visit. Admission fee for adults is \$9.75.*