

2023 Affinity Groups, eePRO Groups, Networking Opportunities & Special Events

This is a preliminary schedule; topics and times are subject to change. An updated version will be posted in September.
The final schedule will be available through the conference platform when it launches in October.
The platform includes the opportunity to add sessions to your calendar.

All times are listed in Eastern Daylight Time.

Title	Summary	Coordinators	Date	Start Time Eastern Daylight Time	End Time Eastern Daylight Time	Session Format	Delivery Method
Environmental Professionals of Color (EPOC) Annual Meeting	The Environmental Professionals of Color (EPOC) annual business meeting is open to EPOC members and potential members. Join us as we co-create a space to talk about what's on our minds, our challenges and successes, our hopes, and ways we can support one another. EPOC is a program of the Center for Diversity and the Environment.	Queta González, Center for Diversity & the Environment	Monday, October 9	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Meeting	live
eePRO Group Meeting: Sustainable Cities and Communities	eePRO Group networking meeting; all attendees welcome!	Michael R Cruse, Arlington Public Schools	Monday, October 9	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Meeting	live
eePRO Group Meeting: K-12 EE	eePRO Group networking meeting; all attendees welcome!	Sheri Soyka, Nysmith School, Soyka Consulting; Donna Lynn Goodman, Donna Goodman Productions, Earth Child Institute, Ecomasters	Monday, October 9	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Meeting	live
eePRO Group Meeting: Spirituality and EE	eePRO Group networking meeting; all attendees welcome!	Jenna Cobb, Community Nature Connection	Monday, October 9	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Meeting	live
eePRO Group Meeting: Connecting to Nature	eePRO Group networking meeting; all attendees welcome!	Jimena Cuenca, NAAEE	Tuesday, October 10	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Meeting	live
Natural Start Graduate Student Network	Natural Start Alliance's Graduate Student Network brings together graduate students with research interests in nature-based childhood education. All current and potential members are welcome to this informal networking session for an overview of the group, some fun networking activities, opportunities to discuss your graduate work, and connect with like-minded peers.	Stacey Alfonso, Natural Start Alliance; Lydia Minahan, Natural Start Alliance	Tuesday, October 10	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Meeting	live
Queer Environmental Educators Network (QEEN) Affinity Space	QEEN is a space provided by and for LGBTQ+ EE professionals to connect with and support each other. This affinity space is only for LGBTQ+ people.	Olivia Walton, St. Croix Environmental Association; Charissa V. Jones, OSU Extension Service -- Outdoor School; Yarrow Koning, Florida Atlantic University	Tuesday, October 10	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Meeting	live
eePRO Group Meeting: Global EE	eePRO Group networking meeting; all attendees welcome!	Nina Hamilton, NAAEE; Andy David, NAAEE	Wednesday, October 11	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Meeting	live
Speed Networking (Session 1)	Speed networking is a fun way to make new connections through brief, one-on-one targeted exchanges. (Invitations will be sent to those who indicated their interest while registering for the conference.)	NAAEE	Wednesday, October 11	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	Networking Event	live
eePRO Group Meeting: Higher Education	eePRO Group networking meeting; all attendees welcome!	Rebecca L. Franzen, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education; Jeanine M Huss, Western Kentucky University	Friday, October 13	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Meeting	live
eePRO Group Meeting: Early Childhood EE	eePRO Group networking meeting; all attendees welcome!	Carla Gull, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College	Friday, October 13	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Meeting	live
Speed Networking (Session 2)	Speed networking is a fun way to make new connections through brief, one-on-one targeted exchanges. (Invitations will be sent to those who indicated their interest while registering for the conference.)	NAAEE	Monday, October 16	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	Networking Event	live
Conference Orientation	If you'd like to get more familiar with the conference platform and get tips for navigating session choices and networking opportunities, please join us for this informal and informative session.	NAAEE	Monday, October 16	5:30 PM	6:15 PM	Meeting	live
Networking Hour	Join in discussion groups on topics of special interest.	NAAEE	Wednesday, October 18	2:30 PM	3:10 PM	Networking Event	live
Exhibits Party!	Meet exhibitors, join contests, win prizes, and pick up cocktail and mocktail recipes during the Exhibits Party!	Exhibitors	Thursday, October 19	7:00 PM	8:15 PM	Special Event	live