Educators, Start Your Engines

Planning is in full effect for ANJEE’s Fall Conference AND 40th Anniversary!

ANJEE Board Members and stakeholders convened for their annual retreat at the beautiful New Jersey School of Conservation Campus in early March to kickstart planning for its 8th Annual Autumn Outdoor Conference, brainstorm ideas on how to celebrate FORTY years of ANJEE in 2025, discuss its strategic plan and engagement and outreach initiatives, and also welcomed new members.

During the retreat, NJSOC Education Director, Tanya Sulikowski, graciously offered the campus as the backdrop for ANJEE’s Autumn Outdoor Conference, which will be held September 20th from 8:30-4:30. The NJ School of Conservation, located in Stokes State Forest in Sussex County, is the nation’s oldest and largest environmental education center, offering a unique backdrop to accommodate any workshop.

As planning gets in full swing, ANJEE is seeking outdoor-oriented sessions for both formal and non-formal teachers, with topics ranging from Pre-K through adulthood. All sessions must be able to be held completely outdoors. This is a “no-screen” conference, and workshops will be held rain or shine. Each presentation can expect 20-30 people to attend their workshop.

Learn more and submit your proposal HERE

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From the Field

Sourland Conservancy Stewardship Director, Rob Aluck, guided kids on an amphibian expedition at Raritan Headwater’s Fairview Farm Preserve as part of their “First Fridays” Series.

Learn More about the Sourlands

ANJEE Board Members and friends met a very spicy turtle at the New Jersey School of Conservation while touring the campus grounds in March. The NJSOC provides valuable programs and resources for educators and Students!

Learn More Here

REGISTER NOW!

NJ Audubon’s Summer Nature Camps
Raritan Headwaters Nature Camps
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge - Let’s go WILD Summer Camp

Contact us to have your programs featured!
Landon Hoberman has a passion. Alongside his peers pursuing passions in the arts, sports and academia, this Class of 2027 student from Point Pleasant Beach High School is creating positive change in his community and wants your students to join in too!

It started for Landon in the 8th grade when he sought to tackle the problem of single use plastics in our environment as a part of his school's STEAM Tank competition. This was an opportunity for Landon to merge his goal of eliminating single-use plastics, with his favorite food, ice cream. His initial attempt involved creating an “edible spoon” for use at ice-cream shops in his hometown of Lavalette and up and down the Jersey Shore. Landon describes the challenge of creating an edible spoon that tastes palatable, while being stable and at the same time be available for small businesses at a price comparable to that of plastic utensils. Understanding that creating the edible spoon at a reasonable price point was going to be nearly impossible, Landon quickly pivoted to create #reducebyrequest campaign, which partners with restaurants to reduce the automatic inclusion of plastic utensils in to-go and delivery orders.

Working closely with Clean Ocean Action as a Student Environmental Advocate Leader (SEAL), Landon worked to drive awareness of ocean conservation and reduce the use of single-use plastics.

He quickly saw the positive results of his and his fellow students' efforts to effect positive change throughout his community and witness first-hand the reduction of single-use plastics. But his work didn't stop there. Throughout this process, Landon realized that most students want to help the environment, but do not know what to do, or how to get started. And thus, the Student Environmental Ambassador Program was born.

Using Toolkits prepared by Landon and provided through the Student Environmental Ambassador website (https://www.studentenvironmentalambassador.com/toolkits)

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Help Save the NJSOC (....again!!)

For 75 years, the New Jersey School of Conservation has provided environmental education programs for students and educators alike - and they need our advocacy to continue to do so.

The NJSOC is asking Governor Murphy to prioritize continued investments in the New Jersey School of Conservation and fully fund the school with $3 million in investments in the 2025 NJ State Budget.

Currently, there is only $800,000 in the state budget appropriated for NJSOC’s restoration efforts. This amount would cause an immediate halt to necessary campus restoration efforts which will irreparably hinder the School of Conservation’s ability to serve the next generation of New Jersey students, as well as cause staff layoffs and effectively halt the valuable programs it provides to the public.

The New Jersey School of Conservation has a rich history dating back to the Civilian Conservation Corps and is a valuable asset to NJ education. Please sign the letter, linked below, to keep the momentum going for the NJSOC!

DID YOU KNOW?

ORG MEMBERS CAN POST JOBS FOR FREE!

CHECK OUT OUR CAREER CENTER TO FIND OUT MORE OR CONTACT DIRECTOR@ANJEE.ORG

CLICK HERE

Did you know? Members also have the opportunity to be featured in this seasonal newsletter!
Be a change maker for New Jersey environmental education! Nominate YOURSELF or a PEER to join the Board of Trustees for the Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education.

ANJEE supports and advances environmental education efforts in New Jersey for all people in order to cultivate an environmentally literate population.

Being on our board is a way to help advance environmental education in the state by fostering awareness and understanding of environmental issues in the community. Take advantage of networking opportunities with like-minded individuals who are passionate about environmental education as you build valuable connections with professional educators and experts in the field. Build your own leadership capacity in a safe space and learn more about decision-making and strategic thinking. Enhance your personal and professional reputation by serving with an established and respected organization. Lastly, learn about nonprofit management, governance, fundraising and other aspects of organizational leadership.

For more information, check out our website, anjee.org

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Landon has made it easy for students, environmental classes and environmental clubs to take positive and meaningful action in their communities. Whether it's the School, Business or Local Toolkit, students and educators will be able to begin engaging their peers, leaders, government officials and business owners and push through positive changes for their environment. Landon firmly believes that “every effort matters and when magnified through collaboration with other students, these small efforts turn into giant ones. After all, we all have the ability to create change and inaction carries inevitable consequences.”

When asked, “What does "success" look like to you?”, Landon says, “Success looks like students leading the charge in the fight against plastic pollution and a majority of citizens being educated about the effects of their everyday behaviors." The goal is for every student and environmental club across the state to take the first step and start with one of the Toolkits. They'll quickly find that success is not that far out of reach. As the Student Environmental Ambassador Program grows, it is Landon's dream that in 20 years from now, “plastics have been reduced to only the most necessary purposes such as medical, aerospace, technology, and military rather than for food consumption, bottles, and packaging. Individuals will ask themselves, “Do I really need to use plastic here or is there an eco-friendly alternative?”
Building Bridges and Planting Seeds

In 2025, ANJEE will celebrate 40 years of providing education, awareness and a framework for teachers and institutions to educate all facets of the public on the importance of the quality, concern and advocacy for our environment.

From its humble roots at the NJ Audubon in 1985 to today, ANJEE has grown to successfully influence and facilitate environmental education initiatives in NJ.

Save the date and join us as we celebrate our 40th year!
January 16th -17th, 2025 at TCNJ

“What if ...”

... we set up a system for networking the formal classroom teachers with the non-formal educators? What if we had special annual environmental education conferences where we could gather and share ideas through workshops and panel discussions? What if we worked together on some common goals for strengthening the impact of environmental education in New Jersey? What then? Would it make a difference?”

Pat Kane, President, Founding ANJEE Member

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