

EEA Volunteer Orientation

Thank you for participating in this orientation to learn more about EEA of Georgia and the volunteer opportunities that exist for you!



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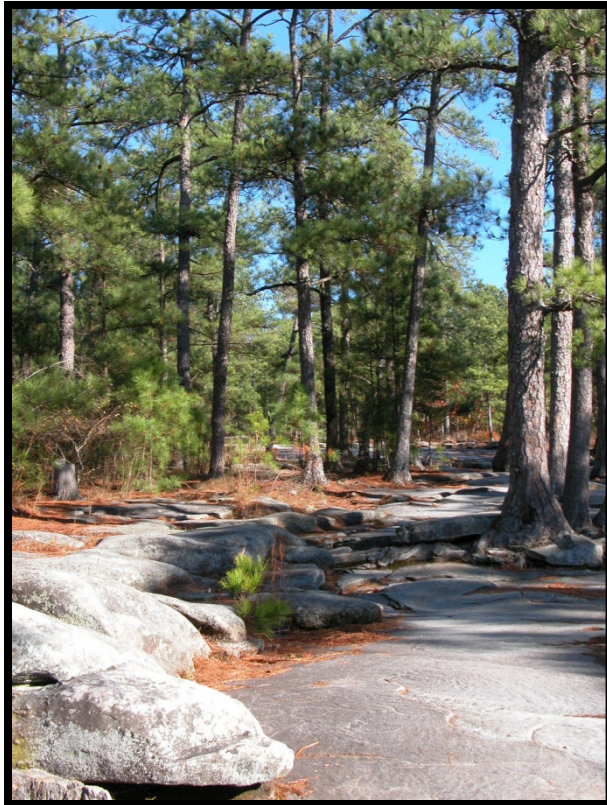


About EEA of Georgia

- Established in 1992, we are a professional education and networking association for educators across Georgia.
- We are an affiliate of the North American Association of Environmental Education.



EEA of Georgia – Vision

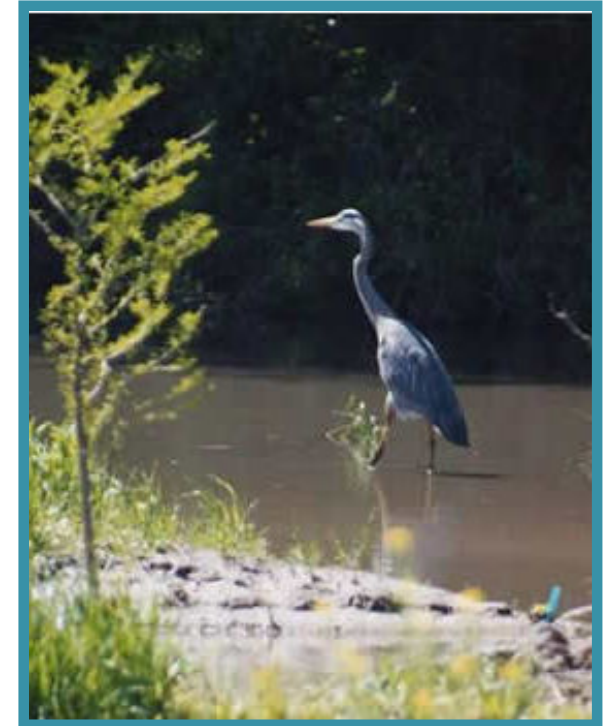


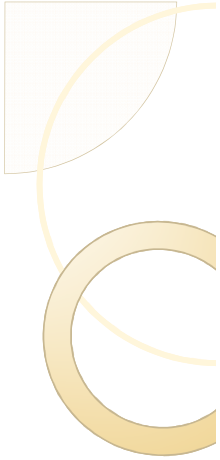
- Our vision is a statewide culture of **environmental literacy** and **stewardship**.
 - Environmental literacy: understanding how the environment works , how one's choices affect the environment, and what can be done to keep the environment healthy and sustain its resources
 - Stewardship: the responsibility for environmental quality shared by all those whose actions affect the environment



EEA of Georgia – Mission

- Our mission is to promote **communication** and **enrichment** among professionals in the field of environmental education through partnerships, initiatives, and access to knowledge and experiences.



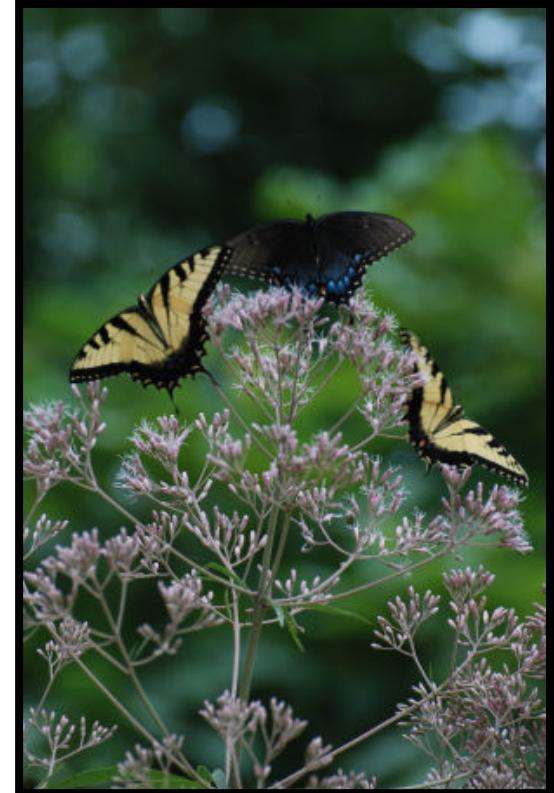


EEA of Georgia – Goals

- To increase the content knowledge, skill level, and confidence of active and potential environmental educators through professional development and continuing education
- To facilitate communication, networking, and the building of partnerships among stakeholders
- To advocate for the increased practice of environmental education
- To promote the development and use of effective, research-based environmental education pedagogy
- To support values of diversity in environmental education
- To highlight emerging trends in environmental education and stewardship

EEA of Georgia - Structure

- EEA Board of Directors
 - EEA Executive Committee
 - EEA Committees
- EEA Advisory Council
- EEA Volunteers
- EEA General Membership



EEA Working Committees

provide opportunities for volunteer engagement

- Advanced Training in EE in Georgia (ATEEG)*
- Annual Conference
- Council of Outdoor Learning (COOL)
- Current Issues
- Fundraising
- Member Services
- Monarchs Across Georgia (MAG)
- Public Relations & Newsletter
- Store of EEA
- Website & Database Management
- Volunteer Management

**not accepting volunteers at this time*

Operational Committee:

Current Issues

This committee actively advances current and emerging EE issues through stakeholder engagement.

Volunteer opportunities exist for partnerships, advocacy, and outreach with jobs like:

- Website and E-News contributor
- Hot topics research and development
- Meeting coordinator/minutes

Operational Committee:

Fundraising

This committee develops and implements fundraising strategies to support the infrastructure and programs of EEA.

Volunteer opportunities include working with:

- Individual giving campaigns
- Grants
- Corporate donations

Operational Committee:

PR & Newsletter

This committee looks for opportunities to market our membership, and expand opportunities to get our exhibit to events in order to recruit members.

Volunteers can help produce:

- Staff exhibit booths at events
- Contribute to e-newsletters
- Four e-newsletters annually with regular columns on EE issues, curriculum reviews, legislative actions, EE activities for students, etc.
- Keep website calendar updated and enter upcoming events
- Write and disseminate press releases

Operational Committee:

Website & Database Management

This committee is responsible for the maintenance of and improvement to the website and works to maintain the membership list to get information to members.

Volunteers can:

- Take pictures ; serve as event photographer
- Send out reminders
- Identify non-paying members
- Add important resource people to the database

Operational Committee:

Volunteer Management

This committee works to recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers for EEA.

Volunteers can coordinate:

- Recognition and awards
- Time tracking
- Write and coordinate regular column in newsletter “from the volunteer” perspective

Program Committee:

Annual Conference

This committee plans the annual conference for EEA members. Responsibilities include developing themes, identifying host sites, scheduling keynote speakers, panelists and concurrent session presenters, working with the host site staff, and communicating with board members regarding their conference duties.

Volunteers can help:

- Serve as an event photographer
- Coordinate food arrangements, registration, and service projects
- Coordinate moderators
- Oversee evaluations development and execution

Program Committee:

Council of Outdoor Learning (COOL)

This committee develops and coordinates the annual Outdoor Learning Symposium (OLS) each fall and works throughout the year to educate and implement outdoor learning areas in schools and the community.

Volunteers can:

- Serve as an event photographer at OLS
- Coordinate food arrangements, registration, and service projects at OLS
- Coordinate moderators at OLS
- Oversee evaluations development and execution at OLS

Program Committee:

Member Services

This committee works on strengthening benefits and responsibilities for members and expanding the membership base through membership drives and public events.

Volunteers can:

- Be event coordinators
- Plan activities
- Take pictures
- Greet new members at events
- Add, enter, and analyze stakeholder input
- Create and promote member benefits packages

Program Committee:

Monarchs Across Georgia (MAG)

This committee works together with teachers, students, families, communities, businesses and others to study Monarch butterflies and restore butterfly habitat across the state. **Its mission is to inspire future caretakers of the natural environment by educating about monarch butterflies and other pollinators.**

Volunteers might:

- Represent MAG at community events
- Promote/execute MAG projects

Program Committee:

EEA Store

This committee oversees the purchasing, pricing, inventory and selling of items in the EEA Store, including setup at EEA events such as the Annual Conference and the Outdoor Learning Symposium.

Volunteers can:

- Assist store coordinator with running the store at events
- Set up and break down store at events

What's in it for you?

- Volunteering for EEA is a great way to **get more involved** with the organization that serves Georgia's growing environmental education needs.
- **Know about** upcoming events, opportunities, and experiences available to enrich your life.
- **Build a network** with other environmental education professionals and enthusiasts across Georgia.
- Gain **professional recognition, experience, and opportunities** that can enhance a resume or vitae.



What will we ask of you?

- Become a member of EEA.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Represent EEA of Georgia in a positive manner at all times.
- Fulfill your commitments.
- Keep track of your time using the systems we provide.
- Give us your feedback!



What now?



- Upon completion of this orientation, please return to the EEA volunteer page and complete the [online volunteer application](#).
- Your information will be entered in our system and automatically notify the [Volunteer Management Committee](#) of your interest to volunteer.
- The Committee will [match your skills and interests](#) with the current needs and opportunities.
- They will then notify the appropriate committee chairs who will acknowledge your interest and [follow up with you](#) promptly.

Questions can be directed to:
Volunteer Management Committee Chair
volunteer@eealliance.org

THANK YOU!

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