



Friends,

As the year draws to a close and we gather with family and friends for the holidays, please join the Board of Directors in supporting our *'collective family'* that is the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia. **You may be in the midst of making end of year contributions and EEA of GA stands poised to invest your gift in partnerships, initiatives, and access to knowledge and experiences...**

...and double your gift!! Through January 15th, your tax-deductible gift will be matched up to \$1,400!

When you give to EEA, your investment supports:

- EEA's Annual conference, Outdoor Learning Symposia, and Monarchs Across Georgia workshops that provide tools and resources to educators statewide;
- ATEEG, the first and only nationally accredited EE certificate program providing advanced training, EE leadership, and professional credentials to our field;
- Member events and communications like e-news and our newsletter that highlight EE in action and allow us to network, connect, and collaborate;
- Scholarships to teachers, grants for habitat restoration, and funding for special projects like our forthcoming memorial forest to honor those who have left a powerful EE legacy.

In addition to directly serving members representing the private sector, NGO's, and governmental agencies local to federal-- EEA serves all Georgians and importantly provides citizens with meaningful experiences in nature. How much is a meaningful experience in nature worth to you? If it changes a life and leads to more responsible stewardship and action on the planet then I would suspect a lot! **EEA is in the business of increasing environmental literacy and creating behavior change for all Georgians. Please make a gift today so we can continue this meaningful work and support our base of environmental educators and professional change makers.**

I've seen what can happen from a meaningful experience in nature.....

21 year old Devin Hayes visited Arabia Mountain for the first time in 2011 on a hike with family friends not knowing how it would influence his thinking, behaviors, and even career aspirations. In three years Devin went from first time visitor, to hiker, to volunteer, to seasonal summer staff, to now a permanent part time Ranger and full time trusted ambassador to the Preserve. **He received support, mentoring, professional development, and has been introduced to wildlife biologists, environmental photographers, hiking club leaders, and the collective family that makes up our professional EE community.** Devin is EEA and reflects our values, hopes, and vision. He's our newest EEA Nymph (student) member. Welcome Devin to the family!



Devin completes a hunter safety course.

As an environmental educator and arborist, I think about our collective impact as earth stewards, as educators, and as important and influential mentors for the next generation. I think about the state of education in Georgia and critical niche EEA fills. I think of the trees I plant that will outlive me. I think about my students and about Devin's next career move. I don't think I'm alone as a forward thinker..... *Environmental educators often take the long view regarding our work and impact. We understand the act and significance of planting a seed, literally and figuratively. **That's why I'm asking for your financial gift today to keep EEA's contributions significant for tomorrow and our next 20 years.***

EEA's programs have impacted thousands of environmental education professionals and classroom teachers during our 22 year history. **Join me personally as a donor and our entire Board of Directors in making a gift. Give EEA the pleasure to match and double your generous gift!**

Yes, I want to contribute and shape the future!

- Make a one-time or recurring donation on our [website](#) (check or credit card).
- Consider individual or corporate sponsorship to our signature conference and symposia.
- Sponsor scholarships and grants that improve pollinator habitats and provide teachers with tools and resources for the classroom and outdoor classroom. [\\$100.00 sends a teacher to the conference!](#)
- [Register your Kroger card with EEA](#)
- [Register your Amazon account with EEA!](#)

Giving is just one click away: [Go to EEA's secure website](#) and follow the prompts. It's as easy and only takes a minute. You will receive an email confirmation of your donation for tax deduction purposes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information on individual or corporate giving, our impact, and how be more involved with the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia. **I'm grateful for your support to EEA.** Whether you attended the conference, went on a member trip, took a workshop, read the newsletter, or made a donation this year, thank you!

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