

What is environmental literacy?

- Knowledge of environmental science disciplines: air, land, water, energy, and the interconnectedness of natural and human systems.
- Personal responsibility for long-term environmental sustainability: willing to make personal choices that contribute to long-term environmental and human health
- Able to think globally and act locally.

Advancing the Big Ideas in Environmental Education

- Biodiversity and natural ecological processes contribute to the health of ecosystems.
- Direct experience in the natural environment helps to establish a sense of place, enhance environmental appreciation, and build a foundation for environmental stewardship for both youth and adults.
- Human actions, on a global level and on a personal level, have the potential to impact the environment.
- Environmental stewardship and environmental justice are essential to sustaining a healthy environment and healthy communities for all.



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Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education



Our Mission

To promote environmental literacy through education.



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MAEOE Activities

- Advancing environmental and outdoor education in Michigan for all citizens;
- Sponsoring opportunities for K-12 classroom teachers and informal educators to develop and enhance their environmental and outdoor education teaching skills;
- Sharing the latest in environmental and outdoor education curricula, assessment, and methodologies;
- Hosting the Michigan environmental education website;
- Promoting EE and OE in pre-service education programs at Michigan universities;
- Bestowing the annual William Stapp Award for Environmental Education and the Julian Smith Award for Outdoor Education;
- Connecting environmental and outdoor education professionals in Michigan.



MAEOE Accomplishments

- Partnered with Dept. of Environmental Quality to develop the Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support Project (2006).
- Researched and published *Caring About the Future* (2003), a guide which demonstrates how to address Michigan curriculum benchmarks using environmental education-themed activities.
- Facilitate trainings of *Tools for Nonformal Educators* (2003).
- Instrumental in 1994 Environmental Education Act that established two state environmental education positions within Michigan's Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) and Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- Sponsor of Project WILD in Michigan.

Why become a MAEOE member?

The Michigan Alliance for Environmental & Outdoor Education (MAEOE) serves as the statewide network and advocate for professionals who are educating Michigan students and citizens towards environmental literacy, stewardship, and outdoor education.

Membership benefits include:

- professional leadership opportunities
- reduced rates at annual MAEOE Conference
- networking with EE and OE professionals
- membership list-serve
- MAEOE-gram newsletter
- voting privileges



MAEOE History

The Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education was established in 1990 through the merger of two existing professional organizations: Michigan Environmental Education Association begun in 1968, and Michigan Outdoor Education Association which began about 1955. Since 1990, MAEOE has served as a strong voice for environmental and outdoor education in Michigan.

If a child is to keep alive an inborn sense of wonder, she/he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him/her the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in.

Rachel Carson, *A Sense of Wonder*

Help keep the wonder alive!



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Your Target Audience (formal & non-formal): _____
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Annual Membership Rates:

- Individual \$30
- College Student/Youth/Retired \$15
- Lifetime Membership \$250
- Library/Organization \$60
- Donation enclosed \$ _____ (amount)

Check your preference:

- Add me to the MAEOE Member List-Serve
- Do not share my contact information with other environmental/outdoor education organizations
- I prefer to receive the newsletter via email (rather than postal mail).

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