

EENC Mini Workshops

Each is \$350 for a 4 hour session

Connecting NC Standards and EE - Educators will learn to seamlessly integrate environmental education with North Carolina Science Standards through student-centered teaching strategies. Participants will explore practical methods for developing students' observational and inquiry skills, guiding evidence-based argumentation using scientific discourse, and cultivating essential habits of mind like curiosity, critical thinking, and persistence. Through interactive activities and collaborative planning time, you'll create a standards-aligned environmental education lesson ready to implement in your classroom. This workshop is ideal for K-12 teachers, science specialists, and environmental educators seeking to make science learning more engaging and connected to students' local ecosystems.

Ew, what's that? A Gateway Into EE - This engaging program helps educators transform students' natural reactions to "gross" or unusual nature finds into powerful opportunities for scientific thinking and nature connection. Participants will discover how leveraging students' innate curiosity about the weird and wonderful creates inclusive gateways for all learners to develop observational skills, think like scientists, and build meaningful connections to the natural world. This session demonstrates how teachable moments with unexpected nature discoveries can spark wonder, foster scientific habits of mind, and help every student see themselves as a scientist.

IDEAs in EE - This comprehensive workshop challenges educators to identify and dismantle barriers that prevent learners from fully engaging with environmental education experiences. Through reflective discussion and collaborative problem-solving, participants will explore how to reduce barriers while maintaining high expectations, ultimately creating a personal action plan for deepening their understanding of accessibility and inclusion. This session equips educators with practical tools and frameworks to ensure all learners—regardless of background, ability, or prior experience—can access meaningful nature connections and environmental learning opportunities.