



Mission

The mission of Association for Experiential Education is to expand educators and practitioners capacity to enrich lives through the philosophy and principles of experiential education.

Who We Are



- AEE is a nonprofit, professional membership association founded in 1972 with 1,500 members in 30 countries engaged in more than 15 areas of professional practice.
- Experiential education is a philosophy and methodology in which educators engage with learners in direct experience and reflection in order to increase knowledge, develop skills and clarify values.
- We are an international community of adventure educators, professors, camp counselors, students, therapists, teachers, facilitators, risk managers, ropes course instructors, guides and others who believe that experience plays a critical role in learning. The community advocates through conferences, networking opportunities, publications, resources, research, the accreditation program and Jobs Clearinghouse.
- Collectively, we impact more than 500,000 learners annually.

What We Do



Conferences Annual AEE international conference, eight regional, one research and one therapeutic programming conference, all of which provide professional development renewal and networking opportunities. Discounts for members.

Accreditation and Risk Management Establishing the highest standards in program quality and professional conduct. Members only.

Publications Books and other media covering numerous topics related to experiential education. Discounts for members.

Journal of Experiential Education A respected, peer-reviewed, scholarly journal containing a diverse range of articles and research conducted in the field (3 times per year). Free with membership.

Jobs Clearinghouse A web-based detailed listing of full-time, part-time, and seasonal job & internship opportunities in the field of experiential education, outdoor adventure education, & related fields. Discounts for members.

Networking Groups Affiliate with professionals who live near you or to share ideas with professionals in your area of focus. Free for members

Professional Discounts Save money on outdoor-related gear, services, and publications from companies such as NOLS, Outdoor Prolinks, Stratus and Philadelphia Insurance. Members only.



Experiential Education Works

Tell me and I will forget; Show me and I may remember; Involve me and I will understand. - Chinese proverb

It is in fact nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not yet entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry.
- Albert Einstein

One must learn by doing the thing, for though you think you know it, you have no certainty until you try. - Aristotle



I am a better teacher/facilitator/learner because of the Association for Experiential Education. - AEE Member 2009

I am happy to be a member of AEE because I am part of a world wide net, all of us thinking, working, sharing and practicing experiential education. - Alexander Rose, San Vicente Martir, Espana

Initiatives



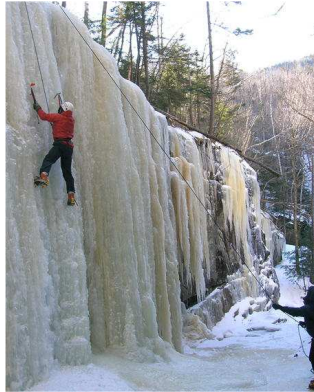
AEE is the premier experiential education organization providing resources and professional development to all who work in related fields. Initiatives underway:

- Digitization of the JEE (*Journal of Experiential Education*)
- A visionary membership drive run by AEE Ambassadors
- Development of white papers focusing on specific fields of EE
- Research project funding related to experiential education
- Providing scholarships for AEE's accreditation program
- Enhance operations to further advance the fields of experiential education worldwide
- An AEE blog
- Development of new experiential education initiatives

Leadership

- Paul Limoges, C.E.O
- Christian Itin, President of the Board
- Seven paid staff members
- Eleven members of the Board of Directors
- Over 200 dedicated volunteers convene conferences, chair regional and professional groups and research committees

By the Numbers



<u>Total Members</u>		<u>Members by Professional Group</u>	
Organizational	511	Therapeutic Adventure	355
Institutional	108	Schools & Colleges	760
Individual	552	Outdoor Adventure Education	535
Student	231	Experience-Based Training & Dev	580
Family	40		
International	189		
Accredited Programs	50		

AEE Partners

