



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 2.8 million learners annually.

What We Do



Conferences The Annual International AEE Conference is in Las Vegas in 2010 and will feature 120 high-quality workshops and pre- and post-conference sessions. AEE also hosts 8 regional, 1 research and 1 therapeutic conference each year for professional development, renewal and networking opportunities. Discounted for members.

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

Journal of Experiential Education Respected, peer-reviewed, scholarly journal available in hardcopy and online to easily find and download specific topics or authors (3 to 4 per year). Free with membership.

Jobs Clearinghouse A web-based listing of full-time, seasonal and internship openings; 10,000 views per month. Discounts for members

Networking Groups Meet professional contacts, leadership development opportunities based on location or focus. Free for members

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

Membership Although the true value is intangible, comparing benefits to costs gives a ratio of 10 to 1 for organizations and 6 to 1 for individuals. Our members say it best, "I get so much more back in terms of friends and meaningful experiences than the energy that I expend being an active AEE member." Steve Pace, Prescott College



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 completed or underway:

- Digitization of the *JEE (Journal of Experiential Education)*
- Special 4th edition of *JEE* on Youth Development (September 2010)
- White papers focusing on specific fields of EE
- Research project funding related to experiential education
- Increasing visibility of Accredited and Organizational members with enhancements to the Find-A-Program functionality on aee.org
- AEE Accreditation is now offering 10 year continuing program and will soon provide "progressive" and "linked" options
- Enhance operations to further advance the fields of experiential education worldwide
- AEE blog <http://blog.aee.org/>
- Development of new association collaborative and preferred partners
- A visionary leadership drive run by AEE Ambassadors

Leadership

- Paul Limoges, C.E.O
- Christian Itin, President of the Board
- Seven paid staff members
- Ten 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

