



## Northeast Regional Conference

*April 18 - May 17, 2021*

*Virtual Conference*

### Call for Workshop Proposals

The NEAEE2021 Conference organizers **invite you to submit a proposal for this year's virtual conference** taking place this spring over the course of one month with workshops during the opening and closing days. This new format gives us an incredible opportunity to reach new people and extend our time and depth of engagement within our AEE community.

#### **2021 NE AEE Virtual Conference At-A-Glance:**

- **Keynote & Conference Kickoff:** A familiar way for us to set the tone and energy for this month of connection, inspiration, and growth.
- **Workshops:** 90 minute virtual workshops taking place *either* on the opening day, Sunday, April 18 or the closing day Monday, May 17.
- **Cohorts:** Intentionally focused, topic-based cohorts that dive deeper into their subject over the month, meeting for 90 minutes each week. Presenters will be scheduled to meet with their cohorts during a regular meeting time, the same day and time each week. Meeting times are morning, mid-day or evening and either Tuesdays or Thursdays.
- **Josh Minor Dialogue Series & Conference Closing:** A space held in honor of one of the elders of our work, and a warm send-off for the folks we shared this time with.
- **TBA:** With many of us still organizing and musing about all that we could do, who knows what else we can come up with to give life to this virtual gathering?

***To make this all work, we need you!***

Will you consider submitting a proposal to lead a 90-minute workshop held via Zoom? We're looking for creative virtual workshops that encourage thought, discussion, play, and collaboration from home! Please use this [TEMPLATE](#) of the final submission form to assist your planning.

## **Conference Dates:**

- Proposal Deadline - February 28, 2021
- Sunday, April 18, 2021 - Opening of the conference and Keynote address
- May 17th, 2021 - Closing of the conference and Josh Miner Dialogue
- Workshops - 90-minutes scheduled on a singular day, *either* April 18 or May 17, 2021

## **YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US...**

- Timely responses to communication from you.
- Regular updates on registration, conference program and schedule changes, deadlines, and other issues that may affect your workshop.
- Publication of the workshop abstract, presenter bio(s) and contact information.
- Publish and share your workshop offerings to the broader #NEAEE2021 community.
- Manage enrollment and notifications about logistics and attendance.
- Match each facilitator with a Tech Support person who will be in your workshop with you, helping you out with logistics before, during, and after the 90-minute session
- Provide a professional Zoom account and a virtual conference platform. All you'll need is access to a suitable device and stable internet connection.
- Support and guidance if requested.
- Evaluation and feedback from workshop participants.
- A recorded version of your workshop, available to you and registered participants after the session.
- An opportunity to provide feedback to us on the process.

## **WE EXPECT PRESENTERS TO...**

- Respond promptly to communications from the NEAEE 2021 Host Committee.
- Prepare sessions/materials for your preferred number of participants.
- Register and pay for the conference by the early-bird registration deadline - Wednesday, March 31, 2021.
- Present the workshop experience as approved by the Host Committee.
- Be willing to present on either day of the conference workshop days, during any time slotted under the direction of the Host Committee. Efforts will be made to avoid conflicts listed by the presenters at the time of their workshop submission.
- All presenters must demonstrate high standards of professional conduct and will not discriminate against participants on the basis of gender, age, socioeconomic or ethnic background, sexual orientation, and/or ability.
- Stay in close communication with co-presenters, if any, regarding the workshop.

# CONFERENCE THEMES

*These themes can be considered a guideline for your presentation submission, understanding that your content might cover more than one.*

## **1. EXPERIENTIAL PHILOSOPHY**

Exploration of the foundations, principles, and origins of experiential education. Topics could include, but should not be limited to: Ideas from past and present thinkers (eg. Dewey, Greene, Freire), exploring and expanding one's philosophy of experiential education, connection of philosophy and practice or praxis, integration/overlap of experiential education philosophy with other disciplines, and ethics.

## **2. METHODOLOGIES**

Ways to enact experiential education in a variety of settings. Topics could include but should not be limited to: Service Learning, Inquiry, internships, Adventure-based counseling, wilderness therapy, wellness, environmental or outdoor education, strategic planning, coaching and mentoring, universal and adaptive programming, activity-based instruction, project-based learning, therapeutic adventure, sports psychology, arts therapies, outdoor pursuits, adventure travel, leadership development, challenge/ropes courses, adventure in the classroom, and expeditionary learning.

## **3. RESEARCH, THEORY, AND APPLICATION**

Understanding, utilization, and consideration of relevant theories, research, and assessment models as they pertain to experiential education. Topics could include but should not be limited to: Use of experiential models, system thinking, transformation, creativity, intentionality, group development, sequencing and flow, experiential learning cycle, judgment and decision-making, program and curriculum design, pedagogy, adult education, learning styles, evaluation techniques, clinical assessment, and connecting research and evaluation to practice.

## **4. PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Exploring ways to grow and develop both personally and professionally in experiential education. Topics include but should not be limited to: Coaching, mentoring, career exploration and opportunities, portfolio development, resumes, networking, self-care, wellness, and inspiration.

## **5. ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

Ways to engage participants, as well as create a safe and respectful space for learning and growth. Topics could include but should not be limited to: facilitation strategies, processing techniques, team building, creating a safe learning environment, group dynamics, observation, technical skills, co-facilitation, empowerment, creating safe space for dialogue, conflict resolution/transformation, use of ritual, norm development, challenge and choice, community agreements/Full Value Contract, sequencing, and flow.

## **6. ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

Skills and tools for effective and constructive organizational practice and design. Topics include but should not be limited to: Managing risk, responding to trends, promoting and marketing, maintaining client relations, fiscal management, staff development, grant writing, strategic planning, capital campaigns, partnerships, insurance, internship programs, training, supervision, site development, assessment of clients' needs, and technology.

## **More info about the AEE -**

The Association for Experiential Education is a nonprofit professional membership association dedicated to experiential education and the students, educators, and practitioners who utilize its philosophy. AEE is committed to supporting professional development, theoretical advancement, and the evaluation of Experiential Education Worldwide.

Since 1973, AEE has hosted an Annual International Conference and Annual Regional Conferences that bring attendees together who share the goals of promoting, defining, and applying practices of EE through networking, workshops, keynotes, and more.

In North America, the Association is broken down into eight geographic regions. Regions play a significant role in AEE by providing opportunities for members in a particular geographic region to get better acquainted with AEE and with each other. We encourage you to get more involved with your AEE region! Insert information about your specific region, your upcoming events, etc. that you'd like to share here!

### **AEE OFFERS**

- Access to The Journal of Experiential Education (JEE) Scholarly Journal and Other Relevant Publications
- Networking, Leadership, and Professional Development Opportunities
- Industry Standards and Risk Management
- Discounts on Industry Events, Conferences, Goods, and Services
- Career Services

### **Your 2021 Host Committee:**

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