

Nature Education Coalition of Northern Arizona

Newsletter - April 2024



Announcements

You can add to the next newsletter and access a [directory of participants](#) to start collaborating! Please go into the [next newsletter](#) by May 29, 2025 to add upcoming events for your organization, job openings, professional development opportunities that you know about, and any other announcements. Thank you!

Next meeting of our group will be **Tuesday 5/27/2025 from 10am-11:30am at Willow Bend Environmental Center**, where we will learn Ranger Nick Fuhrman's view about what it means to be a great teacher, and a great nature educator in particular, followed by a general meeting/updates.

Professional Development Resources and Opportunities

Webinar: [Building a Culture of Safety: Effective Training and Risk Management for Field Staff](#), 4/23/2025 11am-12:15pm, hosted by AZ Parks & Rec Association. \$25 for non-APRA members.

Arizona Project WET Educator Workshop: Climate, Water & Resilience

Northern Arizona educators, we invite you to get trained in our Climate, Water & Resilience curriculum for FREE! This workshop has been generously sponsored by Gore and the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff. You'll leave equipped to educate others about water and climate challenges within our local watershed. We welcome teachers from all subjects as well as informal educators!

Date: Saturday, May 3rd 1-3:30pm

Location: Willow Bend

Environmental Education Center

[Register here!](#)

Upcoming Events

Note that the City's **Earth Day** event scheduled for 4/19/25 at Bushmaster Park has been canceled, due to snow and chilly weather!

NAU's Earth Day is Monday 4/21/25 from 1-4pm, featuring two volunteer events: Reducing fuel in the Rio de Flag with Flagstaff's Fire Department at the "Ditch Pool" in the Coconino Estates neighborhood, and Trail Restoration at Picture Canyon.

AZ Trail Seeds of Stewardship Earth Day is 4/22/25. High schoolers will be restoring the old AZT at the back of Buffalo Park to its natural state, since the new AZT was installed a few months ago. Following that, at 12:30pm, several of us will have tables for the students to learn about Buffalo Park and the local area and history.

STEMCity's **STEM Festival** is coming up on 4/26/25 from 1-4pm at Ft. Tuthill Fairgrounds, hope to see you there!

Check out all of the [Flagstaff area summer camps](#), many of which are STEM-oriented! If you have a summer camp that's not listed here, email sylvia.struss@flagstaffaz.gov to get it up on the <https://necna.org/camps> website!



AWWE-SOME 2025 SUMMER SERIES

Join wildlife experts from the
Arizona Watchable Wildlife
Experience for a chance to
view wildlife in their natural
habitats! All events are FREE.

	Sat May 10	Bird Walk! 8:00am-10:00am Kachina Wetlands Preserve
	Sat July 12	Bug Out! 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Frances Short Pond
	Sat July 19	Wild Neighbors: Prairie Dog Edition 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Campbell Mesa
	Sat Aug 23	Mushrooms on the Peaks 9:00AM - 11:00AM, 11:30AM- 1:30PM Snowbowl Kachina Trailhead
	Sat Sep 20	Quenching the Wild: The Role of Wildlife Drinkers in Conservation 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Fort Tuthill County Park
	Sun Sep 21	Harrenburg Wash Restoration Walk 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Matt Ryan County Park
	Sat Sep 27	Wild Paths + Starry Skies: Explore Woody Ridge Wildlife Corridor 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Rogers Lake Natural Area

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Check out the upcoming AZ Watchable Wildlife Experience **AWWE-some summer series!** Feel free to share, distribute, and come to them! For more information, visit <https://azwatchwildlife.com/events>

City of Flagstaff Open Space's next **Full Moon hike** is Monday 5/12/25 at 7:15pm, going up Tunnel Springs Trail on Observatory Mesa Natural Area. We'll meet at the intersection of Railroad Springs Blvd and Adirondack Ave. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring drinking water, red flashlights, and hiking poles, but we'll have extras!

Opportunity to participate in the **Flagstaff Festival of Science!**

<https://airtable.com/appzsRb3DspkUfDPR/shrqHiW7hC5OcWJCp>

Deadline to apply: Due May 15 (consider this an interest form - please fill out as much information as you've determined) This year's Festival's theme is 'Harvesting Knowledge' and the event takes place Sept. 19 - 28, 2025. Consider collaborations!



The City's Sustainability, Open Space, and Library will be hosting free **Invasive Weed Workshops** on Tuesday 6/3/25. A lunch-and-learn from 12-1pm at the East Flagstaff Library, features Renee Benally on the Navajo Nation's efforts regarding invasive weeds. From 5:30-7:30pm is an outdoor workshop at the turn-off of "Dog Pound Rd," where we'll learn about why we should care about invasive weeds, walk along the Rio de Flag there to learn to identify them, and the best ways to remove them.

Upcoming Classroom Events

[Here is a link](#) to the Outdoor Education binder we've been giving to teachers. If your organization or program is not included, please send a one-pager to clay@aztrail.org.

Request for Resources/Volunteers/Support



Arizona Project WET Rural Groundwater Traveling Exhibit

Arizona Project WET is excited to launch a traveling exhibit, The Nature of Groundwater, in Spring 2025 for environmental education. The exhibit invites visitors to explore their relationship with groundwater and its sustainability, and they are looking for host sites!

This mobile exhibit promotes water stewardship and understanding of groundwater systems, focusing on healthy watersheds, the Arizona water cycle, and water sustainability. It supports the EPA's mission to ensure clean water and empower communities in groundwater conservation decisions.

[Read more](#)

Job Openings

[Girls on the Run Program Supervisor, North Country HealthCare](#)

[Water Projects Coordinator for Northern AZ, The Nature Conservancy](#)

[Archaeologist, Logan Simpson](#)

[Site Supervisor, Better Place Forests](#) (seasonal)

[Environmental Program Manager, State of Arizona](#) DEQ

[Maine Consolidated School District Middle School Science Teacher](#) (Flagstaff/Williams)

[History Teacher, 4th grade](#), BASIS Flagstaff

[Title 1 Coordinator/Teacher](#), Pine Forest Charter School

[Forestry Technician \(Prevention\) \(Wildland Firefighter\)](#), US Forest Service

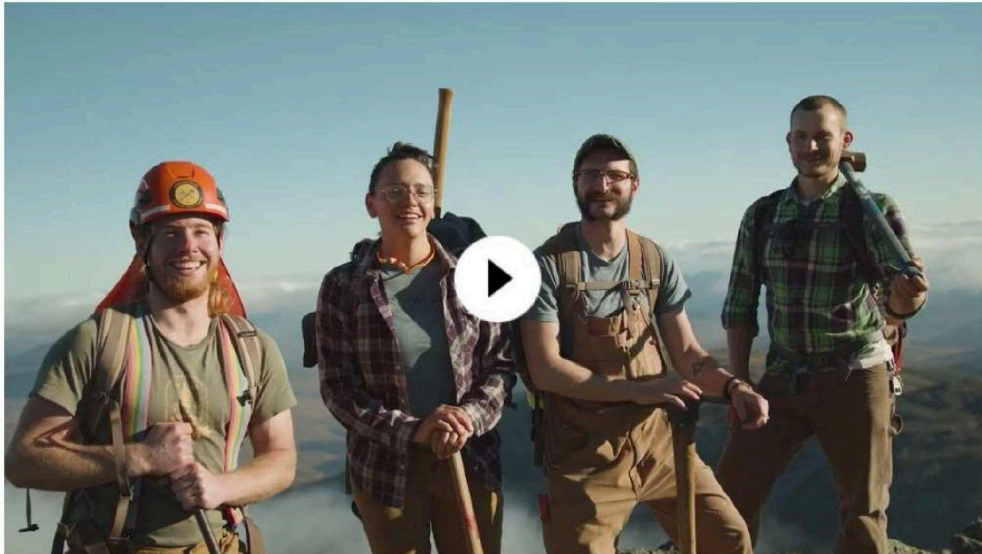
[Assistant Director, Ecological Restoration Institute](#), NAU

[Archaeology Field Director for Northern AZ](#), Westland Resources

[Conservation Crew Leader](#), American Conservation Experience

Other

Trail Dogs - The Art, Heart, and Science of Trail Building



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This groundbreaking docuseries pulls back the curtain on the art, science, and passion of planning, designing, building, and maintaining our nation's trails. American Trails' goals with Trail Dogs are to:

- Showcase all the great diverse career options there are in the trail industry.
- Create an increased interest in using all types of trails, making new lifelong trail enthusiasts.
- Generate a new wave of volunteers to help maintain our trail system.

If you love trails, we need your help now. Our campaign ends May 6th. Help make Trail Dogs a reality in 2025 with a \$25 contribution. Any size contribution can make a difference.