



THANK YOU

for Cultivating Communit(EE) in 2025

187 educators from the great state of Oklahoma gathered on Friday February 7th at the Oklahoma City Zoo for the 26th state environmental education conference.

The Oklahoma Association for Environmental Education's flagship event elevates and enhances environmental education practices. Our network of formal classroom teachers, early childhood professionals, and nonformal educators will utilize what they learned in February to impact the learning and lives of the 237,333 students they serve in the year ahead.

This year's theme of **Cultivating Communit(EE)** exemplified important communities have found within our work, from classrooms to cities to counties -- and beyond.

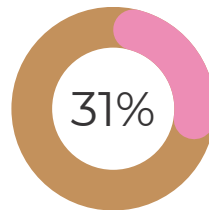


The people are willing to get out there and educate. They are hungry for resources and collaboration and we need to work on making that space happen.

Hope and wonder are still growing within environmental educators and providers in Oklahoma! I felt a renewed hope and motivation for the work I am a part of.

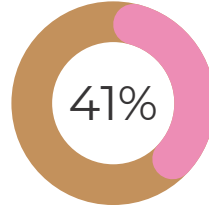


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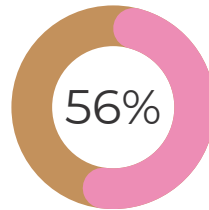
New Participants

In 2025, **three in ten attendees** had never participated in a prior event; demonstrating OKAEE's growing network in the state.



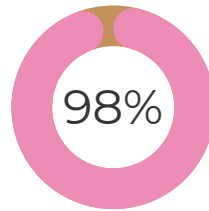
Low Income Communities

Four in ten participants self-identified that they will take the knowledge and skills gained back to **low income communities or youth**.



Rural Impact

While the event has historically taken place in Oklahoma City, **over half of participants** will work in rural Oklahoma communities in 2025.



Event Satisfaction

Almost 100% of participants state **they would attend a future state EE conference**, and that **they would recommend a friend or colleague attend next year**.

- 16 outstanding concurrent sessions on topics from universal design for learning to nature journaling, and more.
- A thoughtfully curated keynote panel with highlighting four Oklahoma environmental education leaders.
- 19 energetic exhibitors from various organizations who provide environmental education programs, grants, and other supports.
- **187 participants, making it the largest OKAEE event in a decade and one of the largest EE conferences in the United States.**

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Oklahoma EE is alive and well, with a diverse set of stakeholders. So many people care about the environment. It's great to learn the many ways we can get involved.

My favorite event of the year!