

Thank You for Charting

The Past, Present, and Future of Oklahoma
Environmental Education



Impact Report

Introduction

The Oklahoma Association for Environmental Education's EE Expo was the **largest event for the organization in over a decade**. Together, we explored the past, present, and future of Oklahoma Environmental Education with our vast network of 265 formal classroom teachers, early childhood professionals, and nonformal educators who will impact the learning and lives of 258,562 students across all of Oklahoma this year.

Educator Testimonials

Accessible and affordable

- "It was a wonderful conference. I learned so much! **I received a scholarship to attend, for which I am so grateful.** Thank you for everything!"
- "Thank you so much for the scholarship. My school was able to cover my sub, but **knowing that I could go to my admin with my registration paid made it a much easier sell.**"

Inclusive and welcoming

- "**I felt that every course that I attended was inclusive** for my role as a Tribal Environmental Manager, that I wasn't singled out for being a non-formal educator (even in the classes that were not aimed at those audiences)."
- "Being surrounded by so much wisdom, far greater than I possess, and **still having a seat at the table**, still being included and shared with, still being treated as valuable."

Empowering Educators, Impacting Students

- "I was able to attend a variety of sessions that made me feel more confident in teaching environmental education. **I left with many tools in my science toolkit that I didn't have before.**"
- "I just fell in love with Environmental education during this conference. **I can't wait to use all I learned at my school.**"

Building Communities of Practice

- "Seeing my partners in education and their various fields excel, explore and explain their views and passions. Now with 4 years of OKAEE under my belt, **I deeply cherish the time spent with our wider community.**"
- "I was afraid before coming that I might not fit in as a non-traditional teacher. That was not the case on any level; **it was like a reunion, I met so many like-minded professionals and felt so empowered by this!**"





Thank you for joining and helping to make this JournEE possible!

2026 EE Expo By the Numbers

Education Support



258,562

Students' learning and lives impacted by our network of formal, nonformal, and early childhood educators this year!

265 Educators participated, OKAEE's largest attendance in a decade.

56 hands-on workshops, presentations, and sessions shared.

Scholarships Awarded

57

Scholarships awards provided needs-based assistance and eliminated systemic barriers, valued at

\$5,885.00

in free registration, travel stipends, and substitute reimbursements.

Community Impact

50%

Of participants self-identified that they serve low income communities or youth.

58%

Of participants were first-time attendees, demonstrating our growing movement across the state.

56%

While this event took place in Oklahoma City, over half of participants will work in rural communities in 2026.

Educator Satisfaction

97%

Of participants were satisfied or very satisfied by their conference experience.

88%

Of participants found the conference helpful or very helpful to their professional development goals.

93%

Of participants stated that they are likely or very likely to attend EE Expo again in the future.



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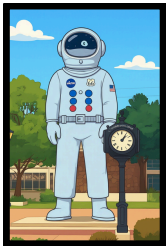


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