



SUMMIT

GREEN SCHOOL SUMMIT for EDUCATORS
Friday, February 12th & Saturday, February 13th

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Shifting From Crisis Management to Innovation: Teaching for a Sustainable Future

Learn from and connect with other classroom educators to explore the lessons we have learned from this year of virtual learning and plan practical steps to ensure that those lessons help us to further integrate sustainability education into classroom content and daily practice, engaging students in learning and in making positive change in their communities.

This educational summit is hosted by the Center for Green Schools and the Green Schools National Network.

***** The Summit will be repeated on Friday and Saturday with the same presentations so that ALL educators have access to this exciting content. Attendees should choose one day to attend. *****

Friday, February 12th | 11:00 am – 5:00 pm EST

Session One: Pandemic Silver Linings and Solutions for K-12 Education

The current disruptions affecting our educational system will no doubt have long-term impact. Recognizing the challenges and positive ramifications, the assembled panel will offer insight, inspiration, and ideas supporting educators to envision a new, more equitable future where education for sustainability becomes a top priority.

11:00am – 11:15am: Session kick-off and attendee introductions

11:15am – 11:55am: Panel presentations and discussion

11:55am – 12:15pm: Small group conversations

12:15pm – 12:45pm: Full group Q&A with panelists

12:45pm – 1:00pm: Wellness Break

Session Two: Rethinking Equity in the Outdoors

Extending the classroom beyond the school walls has become a hot topic in conversations on how to keep schools open. However, offering rich outdoor learning experiences has more often been offered to students and schools of an advantaged demographic. Not everyone has equitable access to learning in a natural setting. Recognizing the health and academic benefits to ALL students, the panel will talk through strategies that lead to opportunity for all. No matter the cultural identity, zip code or family financial situation, well-designed outdoor learning experiences have a dramatic impact.

1:00pm – 1:15pm: Welcome back and attendee introductions

1:15pm – 1:55pm: Panel presentations and discussion

1:55pm - 2:15pm: Small group conversations

2:15pm – 2:45pm: Full group Q&A with panelists

2:45pm – 3:00pm: Wellness Break

Session Three: Best Practices for Teaching and Learning Outside

The pandemic has highlighted the value (both academic and health related) of teaching and learning outside. This fact, along with the recognition that many educators have not received effective guidance on best practices related to outdoor learning, exemplifies the value of what this panel will share. With first-hand experience and knowledge, these skilled practitioners will offer tools and resources, leading to high-quality outdoor learning.

3:00pm – 3:15pm: Welcome back and attendee introductions

3:15pm – 3:55pm: Panel presentations and discussion

3:55pm – 4:15pm: Small group conversations

4:15pm – 4:45pm: Full group Q&A with panelists

4:45pm – 5:00pm: Closing

Saturday, February 13th | 11:00 am – 5:00 pm EST

Please note that this day of the summit is repeated from Friday following the same schedule. Attendees should choose one day to attend.