

# Environmental Education

Tennessee

June 2019

## This Month Is...

### Great Outdoors Month

Tennessee's great outdoors is a perfect place to play so let's talk about the importance of play!

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes play as every child's basic right. But play is becoming extinct. Global studies, across generations, have confirmed outdoor children's play has been declining, across all age groups, for decades. But watch how three UK schools have encouraged deeper play and learning for their students! This summer, let's challenge ourselves to return to the world of play!



[Read More About the Importance of Play](#)

**Outdoor play isn't just for children! Check out ways you can play for FREE in our Tennessee State Parks.**

**June 8 @ Harrison Bay State Park**  
Join the Barnard Astronomical Society of Chattanooga, TN for our monthly Star Party.

**June 18 @ Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park**  
Come join King of Pops for free yoga in the park!

**June 21 @ Old Stone Fort**  
Join us at sunrise to discuss the significance of the Summer Solstice in Native American history.

[Check Out More Outdoor Events](#)

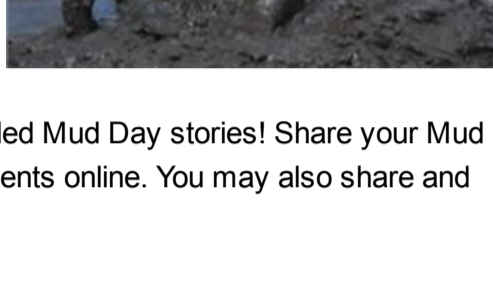
## Don't Miss...

### International Mud Day

June 29

Is it ok to get a little muddy? If you think yes, join the fun of International Mud Day!

The Nature Action Collaborative for Children is looking for exuberant, muddy faces and fun-filled Mud Day stories! Share your Mud Day experiences by leaving comments online. You may also share and view photos.



[Read The Mud Book for Inspiration \(Adults\)](#)

[Read Who Like's Mud? \(Children\)](#)

## In the News...

### Food Labels and Waste

Academics have developed low-cost, smartphone-linked, eco-friendly spoilage sensors for meat and fish packaging. The researchers say the new sensors could help detect spoilage and reduce food waste for supermarkets and consumers.

[Read More About These New Sensors](#)



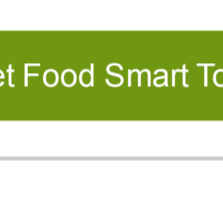
VALUE OF WASTED FOOD IN THE U.S. EACH YEAR  
**\$218 BILLION**

FOOD WASTED BY THE AVERAGE PERSON MONTHLY  
**24 POUNDS**

ANNUAL COST OF FOOD WASTE TO THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD  
**\$1,500**

ANNUALLY THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMITTED BY WASTED FOOD IS THE EQUIVALENT OF  
**39 MILLION CARS**

THE FOOD WASTED IN THE U.S. EVERY DAY COULD MORE THAN FILL NISSAN STADIUM, HOME OF THE TENNESSEE TITANS



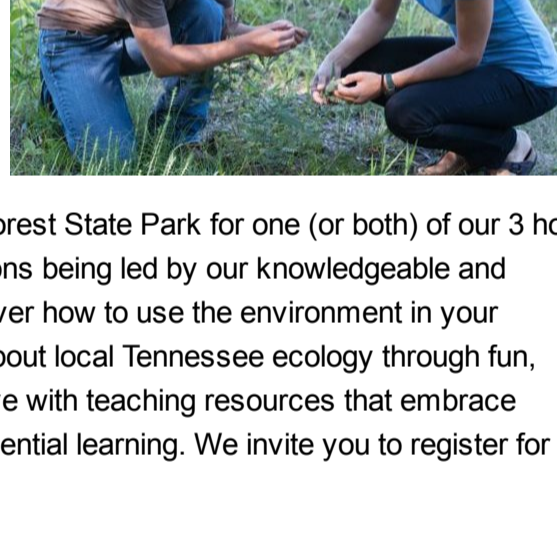
**What can you do right now? Check out Tennessee's Get Food Smart TN program to learn what you can do this summer to reduce food waste!**

[Get Food Smart Today](#)

## Professional Development

### Educators Play Too!

Join us July 18th 8:30-11:30am and/or 12:30-3:30pm at Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park for one (or both) of our 3 hour Personal Development sessions led by our knowledgeable and experienced park staff. Discover how to use the environment in your classroom, gain knowledge about local Tennessee ecology through fun, outdoor experiences, and leave with teaching resources that embrace scientific principles and experiential learning. We invite you to register for one or both sessions!



Sessions include a hike, canoe/kayak float, and hands-on group activities you can take with you to the classroom.

[Register Today](#)

### 3-D Performance Based Assessment Workshop

Cookville, TN; June 27, 2019

Join workshop leaders Andrea Henrie, Kelly Moore, and Leslie Suters for a one day workshop designed to offer understanding of 3-D standards instruction. Two sessions are offered. Teachers may pay to attend one or both sessions. Each session is \$25, and sessions are geared toward grade 3-12 science teachers.

[Register Today](#)

### Argument-Driven Inquiry (ADI) 101

Cookville, TN; July 18, 2019

Join workshop leaders Kelly Moore and Leslie Suters for a one day workshop designed to be an introduction to this instructional model. This workshop is \$50 and is geared toward grade 3-12 science teachers.

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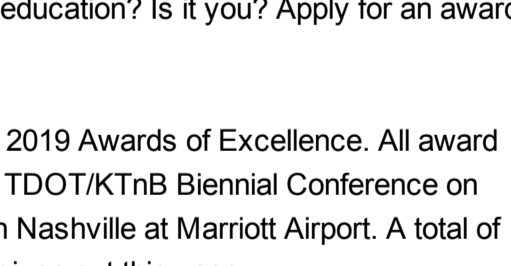
### Leap Into Science Wind Training

Murfreesboro, TN; August 16, 2019 or September 20, 2019

Leap into Science is a nationwide program developed by The Franklin Institute Science Museum that integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. The program empowers educators to offer workshops in community settings like libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage underserved audiences in accessible and familiar settings.

[Register Today](#)

## Show Me the Grant



Do you know someone who has shown excellence in public education? Is it you? Apply for an award of excellence today!

Registration is now open for the 2019 Awards of Excellence. All award winners will be presented at the TDOT/KTNB Biennial Conference on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in Nashville at Marriott Airport. A total of \$46,000 in grant monies will be given out this year.

**Deadline to apply is July 22, 2019.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)

## Get Involved!

### Camp Tanase

Do you know a child between the ages of 10-14 who is ready to explore the outdoors this summer?

Camp Tanase is the perfect overnight camp for adventurous boys and girls ages 10-14! Located at the beautiful Montgomery Bell State Park only 45 minutes west of Nashville!

Camp Tanase believes that summers are meant for outdoor adventures, cooling off in the lake, and sparking friendships around the campfire that last for years to come. Through Ranger-led activities such as survival skills, wildlife observation, habitat management and hiking, your camper will learn how to be a leader for themselves, others, and our beautiful Tennessee State Parks. Give the child in your life the gift of summer camp July 21-27, 2019!

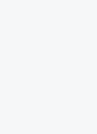
**Register by June 13th to get \$200 off: Discount Code EE2019.**

[Learn More About Camp Tanase](#)

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