

Iowa Outdoor Learning Environments Conference

June 18-19, 2018

Gateway Hotel and Conference Center



Draft Agenda - Monday

- 7:00 Exhibitors and Bench Competition set up
- 8:00 Registration & Breakfast, Visit Exhibitors and Vote/ Bid on Benches
- 8:45 Conference Welcome / Outdoor Learning Environment Program Update
- 9:00 Special Guest and Student Presentations: Benefits & Importance of Outdoor Education and STEM
- 10:00 Workshop Session 1 (3 options - 1 from each track) - see other side
- 10:50 Break, Visit Exhibitors and Vote/ Bid on Benches
- 11:00 Workshop Session 2 (3 options - 1 from each track) - see other side
- 11:50 Break, Round Table Topic Discussions
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch with Keynote Speaker
- 1:15 Break, Visit Exhibitors and Vote/ Bid on Benches
- 1:30 Workshop Session 3 (3 options - 1 from each track) - see other side
- 2:20 Break, Visit Exhibitors and Vote/ Bid on Benches
- 2:30 Workshop Session 4 (3 options - 1 from each track) - see other side
- 3:20 Break with Snack, Visit Exhibitors & Final Voting/Bidding for Bench Competition
- 3:50 Bench Competition Awards Announced
- 4:30-5:30 OLE Panel of Experts with Q&A and Conference Wrap Up

Draft Agenda - Tuesday

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Field Trip to Local Story County Outdoor Learning Environments

Conference Tracks:

(A) OLE Gaining Support and Educational Programs

1. Creating a Community to Support Your OLE
2. Seeking Funding Sources and Grantwriting
3. How to Market an OLE to Non-believers
4. How to Organize Volunteers

(B) Creating Educational Programs for OLE's

1. Foraging for Food in an OLE
2. Connecting Students to Place
3. Nature Play: Directed vs. Undirected
4. Using STEM and NGSS in an OLE

(C) OLE Design, Implementation, and Maintenance

1. Designing an Outdoor Learning Space
2. Planting Design with Native Plants
3. How to Establish and Maintain a Native Planting
4. Designing Water Features and BMPs in OLE's