



CREEC Central Environmental Literacy Project Fall 2025 Virtual Conference Agenda

Welcome & Conference Overview | 9:00 - 9:25 am

Zoom Link | <https://sjcoe.zoom.us/j/85402062853>

Session Materials | [☐ CREEC Central Fall 2025 Conference](#)

Presenters | Tamara Basepayne, Jenn Mutch, & Amity Sandage

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Virtual Calming Room: <https://calmingroom.scusd.edu/home>

Session 1 | 9:30 - 10:25 am

Video, Audio, and Adventure Stories to Spur a Love of the Environment

Find out about documentaries, camp and kids' songs, picture books, adventure novels, and more to help spur a love of nature and the environment for all grades. The California State Library's COMPASS program provides free resources for all public schools and local libraries to use in the classroom and beyond.

Grade Span | TK-12 Presenter | Mary Beth Barber Organization | [California State Library](#)

Session Materials | [Resource Folder](#)

Zoom Link |

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Data to Decision Making! Explore Community Science on School Campuses

What does it look like when students grapple with local data? In community science, students contribute to science by collecting data that generates new knowledge. Join us to learn what community science is, what it looks like on school campuses, and receive a research-based framework for designing projects.

Grade Span | TK-5 Presenter | Peggy Harte, M.Ed Organization | [California State Library](#)

Session Materials | [Slide Deck](#); [Framework for Youth Learning in Community and Citizen Science](#); [Handout](#)

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CAELI Partner Portal: Your One-Stop Shop for Environmental Literacy Resources

This workshop will guide participants through the CAELI Partner Portal, where teachers can search for Community-Based Partners that offer programs and services that engage students in learning about the environment. Whether seeking environmental literacy resources to use in the classroom or seeking an organization with field-based programs, the Partner Portal provides a one-stop shop to these resources.

Grade Span | TK-12 **Presenters** | Celeste Royer & Lesley Gates **Organizations** | Ten Strands and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Session Materials | [Slide Deck](#); [Promotional Postcard](#); [Quick Start for CBP's](#)

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BREAK- 10:25-10:35

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Session 2 | 10:35 - 11:30 am

Introduction to Circularity and BEAM Circular

This workshop introduces participants to the circular bioeconomy, highlighting BEAM Circular's mission and resources available for local educators. Together, we'll explore the role that school educators can play in growing a resilient, circular bioeconomy in our region.

Grade Span | TK-12 **Presenters** | Gloriamar Gamez & Nancy Martinez **Organization** | BEAM Circular

Session Materials |

Zoom Link | <https://sjcoe.zoom.us/j/83537910060>

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Air Quality Tools and Resources for Educators

In this workshop, you will learn about free tools and resources provided by the Valley Air District that you can use in the classroom when teaching about the San Joaquin Valley's air quality.

Grade Span | K-12th

Presenters | Nzong Xiong **Organization** | San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

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Empowering Youth Environmental Leaders: Utilizing Data to Ignite Climate Action

Participants will learn about the Data Initiative for Environmental and Climate Action in California's TK–12 Schools, an equity-informed, data-driven approach that paints a landscape of progress towards sustainability, resiliency, and environmental literacy across all of California's public school districts, and how this real-world data set can support students to ask authentic questions and use computational thinking to determine problems. Participants will gain resources to use these data to empower students to advocate for change.

Grade Span | 5th - 12th **Presenter** | Sarah Whiting **Organization** | Ten Strands

Session Materials |

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Ecowriting for Environmental Justice - PART 1

This session will explore how the scientific revolution and other influences dating back to the 16th century have separated humans from each other and the natural world. When we look critically at the development of our current Western worldview, we can gain insight and inspiration to recognize our interdependence with nature and each other as sustainable paths forward. This workshop will use the pedagogical practice of ecowriting as a strategy to question dominant ideologies and provide an action for students to create healthier and more just alternatives.

Grade Span | TK - 12th **Presenter** | Jeff Share **Organization** | UCLA

Session Materials | [Sample Lesson Plan](#); [UCLA educator resources](#); [Jeff Share's Website](#); [Ecowriting Article](#)

Zoom Link | <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/jeffshare>

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***Session Rescheduled* Forest Adventures: Uncovering the Hidden Power of Trees**

This workshop talks about how innovation and research help turn trees and low-value biomass into forest products, as well as their role in shaping a sustainable future.

Grade Span | 6-12 **Presenters** | Cindy Chen **Organization**: University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR)

Session Materials | [Slide Deck](#)

Zoom Link | <https://sjcoe.zoom.us/j/84276002345>

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BREAK- 11:30-11:40 am

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Session 3 | 11:40 am - 12:35 pm

Energy is Everything: Engaging Students in Real-World Sustainability

Inspire students to lead energy action and become confident sustainability managers with this interactive workshop. Learn practical knowledge and activities to engage students in STEAM-related concepts, including energy and water auditing, fostering environmental literacy, and sustainability awareness.

Grade Span | 6th - 12th **Presenter** | Gina Nguyen **Organization** | The Energy Coalition

Session Materials |

Zoom Link | <https://sjcoe.zoom.us/j/81577004491>

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Teaching Hope: Using Solutionary Approaches

In this session, we'll explore hope-based resources and solutionary approaches that help students see themselves as active problem-solvers in the face of environmental challenges. Teachers will leave with scaffolds, resources, and ideas to design their own solutionary-based activities for use in K–12 classrooms..

Grade Span | TK- 12th **Presenter** | Chris Brown **Organization** | Ripon High School

Session Materials | [Folder of Resources](#)

Zoom Link | <https://sjcoe.zoom.us/j/85760394278>

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Discovering Fruits and Vegetables with Early Learners

This workshop explores how California's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and School Meals for All programs can be used to cultivate a lifelong love of fruits and vegetables in young learners. Participants will learn new strategies to connect the classroom, cafeteria, and garden to get kids excited about fresh produce.

Grade Span | TK- 1st **Presenters** | Cindy Hu & Rachel Brand **Organization** | Center for Ecoliteracy

Session Materials |  [CREEC 2025 Conference - Nourishing Students Slide Deck.pdf](#)

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Ecowriting for Environmental Justice - PART 2

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CREEC Central Regional Networking and Sharing 12:35-1:00 pm

Join your Regional Leads and Teams for a debriefing of the conference, exploring the resources, and sharing your learning.

Zoom Link | <https://sjcoe.zoom.us/j/86503266375>

Slide Deck | [CREEC Central Fall 2025 Conference](#)

Region 5: Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Benito Counties

Region 6: Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties

Region 7: Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Kings, and Tulare Counties

Region 8: Ventura, Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties

CREEC Central Educator Leaders Special Session 1:00-2:00 pm

CREEC Central grant Educator Leaders, COE Mentors, and Regional leads join us for a special session highlighting the expectations and goals of the grant participants. During this session, leaders will work together to identify goals for their region, plan and develop workshops for the spring conference and regional meetings, and learn more about being a changemaker for their region and county!

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Slide Deck |

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