

WHY EMBRACE AEE?

MISSION

We believe that learning through experience positively transforms people and our world. We are an international organization who aims to elevate and expand the global capacity of EE by:

1. **Building** inclusive, accessible communities for EE professionals that are firmly rooted in the philosophy, principles and practices of EE.
2. **Supporting** academic research, publication, and dissemination of authoritative information for promoting, implementing, and advancing the philosophy, principles, and practices of EE.
3. **Presenting** our collective knowledge and resources to public audiences for the elevation and advocated support of EE expansion.

VISION

Join us to make a difference in the profession of EE and contribute to global transformation. AEE envisions a future where the use of EE principles in a variety of learning environs positively transforms people and our world.

VALUES

1. Our **global community** is an essential conduit and progressive faction to further EE methods and practices around the planet.
2. The use of **adventure** and **challenge** are two fundamental elements, inseparable from the application of EE, not only in the natural world, but in the classroom, workplace, and beyond.
3. **Reflective leadership** is critical to the EE process and approaching leadership roles with presence and personal mastery is vital in strengthening our best practices in EE.

4. **Social Justice** means supporting people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and cultures as an integral component of developing successful EE programming and EE leaders.

5. Conservation of the **natural world** is key to protecting the enjoyment and learning of all individuals, groups, communities, and future generations.

6. **Creative Play** is an imperative part of life-long development that not only supports healthy emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth, but also greatly enhances engaged learning experiences.

GET INVOLVED

Getting involved is a great way to expand your network, share your skills, gain new experience, make incredible friendships, and impact EE.

Become a new member: Join our inclusive AEE community of hundreds of diverse members from dozens of countries with an open range of professional focus and perspective.

Volunteer: Like any non-profit association, AEE runs on volunteers. Get involved with the many opportunities that AEE offers. From regional leadership councils, to the Board of Directors, we have a need for your skills and experience.

Attend a conference: Grow your career, expand your EE knowledge, build your professional network, discover the latest innovations, and get revitalized in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Participate online: AEE's webinars are available to view for free on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and check out [aee.org](https://www.aee.org) for new ones coming all the time.

Support research: conduct program evaluations or enable academics to study your programs.

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FURTHER RESOURCES

READING

Warren, K., Mitten, D. & Loeffler, T.A. (2008). *Theory & Practice of Experiential Education*. Association for Experiential Education.

Hunt, J. S. (2002). *Ethical Issues in Experiential Education*. Kendall Hunt.

Knapp, C.E. & Smith, T.E. (2005). *Exploring the Power of Solo, Silence, and Solitude*. Association for Experiential Education.

Newes, S. & Bandoroff, S. (Eds.). (2004). *Coming of Age: The Evolving Field of Adventure Therapy*. Association for Experiential Education.

Manual of Accreditation Standards for Adventure Programs

Manual of Accreditation Standards for Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare Programs

VIEWING

Mission & Values: <https://www.aee.org/mission-and-values>

Memberships: <https://www.aee.org/membership-information>

Accreditations: <https://www.aee.org/accreditation>

Certifications: <https://www.aee.org/about-the-certification-program>

Publications: <https://www.aee.org/books-and-publications>

Journal of Experiential Education: <https://www.aee.org/journal-of-experiential-education>

Career Center: <https://www.aee.org/career-center>