

Heartland AEE Conference

March 21-23, 2025 Schedule



Friday, March 21st

8:00-5:00 AEE/ESI Pre-Conference: Universal Experiential Education Through Aerial Adventures (Separate Registration and fee required)

5:30-9:30 Check in

6:30-7:30 Dinner on your own

7:30-9:30 Social

Saturday, March 22nd

8:00-8:45 Breakfast

8:45-10:45 Opening Keynote Speaker - Carla Hacker

11:00-12:30 **SESSION 1**

- Don Nagy: "Periodic Challenge Course Inspections"
- Jon Jones and Anders Aspenes: "Creating An Adventure Trip with Students/Clients"
- Mo Kappes: "Collaborative Leadership Model"

12:45-1:45 Lunch

2:00-3:30 **SESSION 2**

- Lucinda Martinelli: "The Experiential Educator: Facilitator, Teacher, or Neither?"
- Gary "Big Dog" Cwidak: "Ropes: All you want to know about cordage in Adventure Activities"
- Jess McIntosh, Billy Wilson, Ben Martinson, and Kenny Lee: "Opening virtual doors to experiential education: A sense of belonging for individuals with diverse abilities and other health impairments"

3:45-5:15 **SESSION 3**

- Micah Leinbach: "Not in Our Nature: Challenging Core Outdoor Culture Beliefs as a Tool for Creating Inclusive Outdoor Programs"
- Kym Anderson: "Unbridled Spirit - The Power of the Horse in Experiential Education"
- Nicole Miller and Donna Slusher: "Art of Connection"

5:30-6:30 Keynote Speaker Brian Counselman

6:30-7:30 Dinner and Scavenger Hunt

7:30-9:30 Social

Sunday, March 23rd

8:00-8:45 - Breakfast

9:00-10:20 **SESSION 4**

- Ben Fisher and Mitch Bechtel - "Games, Stories, and Adventures: Transforming Learning through Experiential Education"

9:00-9:40

- Kyle Curran and Tyra Grady: "Get Grounded: A Practical Guide to Grounding"

10:00-10:45

- Charlie Mabie and Josie Kunz: "More than a Meal - Community Building Through Food"

11:00 - 11:30 Closing

THERE WILL ALSO BE:

Laser Tag

Silent Auction

Karaoke

Register Here:



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