

Take It Outside

A Virtual Learning Series for Educators

Please join the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Anchorage Park Foundation for a series of virtual learning journeys designed to help you engage your students in outdoor education. Learn about a variety of tools and resources to help you invigorate your teaching and adapt to the challenges that this school year may bring.

2021 - 2022 Webinar Series

Outdoor Classroom Series

Always wanted to teach outside, but not sure where to start? This session will explore formal and informal outdoor spaces and ways to effectively use them as an extension of your own classroom. Participants will explore the theory and practice behind outdoor education and have an introduction to the Tiered Outdoor Teaching Triangle (TOTT).

Russian Jack Park - October 12, 2021

Wolverine Park - March 22, 2022

Sand Lake Park - April 5, 2022

Outdoor Explorations Series

Exploring Nature with Your Senses - November 9, 2021

Challenge your students to experience the world in whole new ways through engaging their senses. Learn and practice quick and fun activities that can enhance any subject area, spice up learning, and help your students slow down and connect to place.

Introduction to Nature Journaling - January 11, 2022

Nature journals are a great tool to increase observation and math skills, develop writing proficiency, and practice reflection. Learn more about nature journaling and explore ways you can use nature journals to deepen student learning. You'll also discover resources that can help you use nature journals in your classroom.

Nature Art - March 31, 2022

There's a world of free art materials right out your door! In this session you'll learn a variety of ways to heighten your students' sensory awareness by using natural materials to create works of art. You'll leave inspired to make nature art with your students.

Questing Series

Quests are playful and informative treasure hunts that use riddle-like clues and maps to teach about the natural and cultural history of parks and other special places. Through questing, your students make exciting discoveries, build strong connections to their heritage, and become stewards in the process. This series will have you and your students making quests in no time.

Intro to Questing - November 18, 2021

Questing I - December 7, 2021

Questing II - February 17, 2022

Power of Place Series

Intro to Place Based Service Learning - October 28, 2021

Place Based Service Learning is the foundation of the Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom program (iTREC), building on research that shows that when authentic learning experiences are grounded in place, students learn better, teachers connect to their passions, and communities become stronger. Learn about this innovative approach and the ways it can help you achieve your teaching goals.

Reflection - February 1, 2022

Despite the importance and appeal of reflection, we often struggle with implementing the process in a meaningful and practical way. Join us for a brief overview of the role of reflection and how to effectively incorporate it into your everyday teaching.

Teachers' Lounge - April 26, 2022

Join teachers from the Appalachian Trail, which runs from Georgia to Maine, in an informal conversation about successes, challenges, and hot tips for incorporating the outdoors and place into your teaching. This fun hour of facilitated sharing and learning is sure to boost your spirits and send you off with some new ideas.

The Iditarod National Historic Trail Series

Do you really know the whole story of the Iditarod Trail? So much more than just a sled dog race, the Iditarod Trail is steeped in history and intrigue. Join us for this engaging webinar series to learn more about the history of the trail, some of the science that happens along the trail, and how you can incorporate the Iditarod National Historic Trail into your classroom teaching.

The History of the INHT - January 27, 2022

Educator Resource Guide - March 1, 2022

Science Along the Trail - April 21, 2022

Registration

- [Click here to register](#) for individual sessions or the series.
- **Interested in credit?** This webinar series is available as 1 professional development credit through UAA. If you are interested in taking this series for credit, please be sure to indicate that on the registration form. Full registration will be available through UAA at a later date.
- All sessions begin at 4:00 pm AKT and run approximately 90 minutes.

Questions?

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