



## EE Certification Pilot Program is Now Open!

The New Mexico Environmental Education Certification Program is now open for pilot applications. You can find all the details and submit an application online at [www.eeanm.org/ee-certification](http://www.eeanm.org/ee-certification). Since this is a pilot, a limited number of candidates will be admitted. The full program will launch in Spring 2016.

Pilot program applications are due by August 15, 2015. Applicants will be notified of acceptance or deferral by September 30. Portfolios for the pilot program candidates will be due by August 15, 2016.

EE Certification candidates will begin with a self-assessment and professional development plan to gain any needed skills, knowledge and experience. We recommend that candidates opt to work with an advisor. Over the next 12 months, they will assemble an electronic portfolio to demonstrate their competencies in six areas:

- Environmental Literacy
- Foundations of EE
- Professional Responsibilities of the Environmental Educator
- Planning and Implementing EE
- Fostering Learning
- Evaluation and Assessment

A team of peer reviewers will serve as the certifying agent. The five-year certification term will allow professionals to continuously improve as our field evolves.



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## Upcoming Events

### EE Book Club.

July 29, 6:30pm at Old Town Pizza in Albuquerque. *Hope Beneath Our Feet: Restoring Our Place in the Natural World*. Please [email Barbara](#) to RSVP.

### EE Over Lunch

July 30, 11:30am-1:00pm at ABQ Open Space Visitor Center. Lunch provided for first 25 registrants. [Sign up here.](#)

EEANM is seeking accreditation by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), which will make our certification nationally recognized.

## Our New Website!

Along with the EE Certification Program, we are launching a new website for this month. Visit [www.eeanm.org](http://www.eeanm.org) and let us know what you think!



The new site lets us feature stories and images of the great environmental education happenings across New Mexico. We've got online forms (like the EE Certification application) and event registration (like the upcoming PLT workshops). We're looking forward to adding an online membership directory soon.

Built in Wordpress, the site gives us the flexibility to update and expand the website as EEANM grows and changes. Amy Landers, former EEANM board member and Treasurer and co-founder of Dragonfly Interpretive, built the website and has done an outstanding job of updating our look and functionality with the new website.

During the website planning and migration, we had special help from a few folks. Thank you to Harlow Pinson (Indepth Learning), who donated hosting for many years. We appreciate the insight of Deb Thrall (Albert I. Pierce Foundation) and Ellen Loehman (NM Science Teachers Association) in choosing a content management system and sharing some resources. And we appreciate the awesome support from the help desk guys at our new local host, Southwest Cyberport (SWCP), during the migration.

We hope you'll explore the site soon and [leave a comment](#) to tell us what you think!

## EE Over Lunch with ABQ Open Space

There is such thing as a free lunch—and in a beautiful setting too!

**Applications due for EE Certification Pilot Group.**  
August 15.

**Project Learning Tree and Project WET at Cottonwood Gulch**  
August 22-23, \$40 includes meals and basic accommodations. Two great workshops in one amazing location!

### PLT Places We Live Workshops.

A partnership with the NM MainStreet Program.  
August 29 - Farmington  
September 5 - Grants  
September 12 - T or C  
October 3 - Raton

**2015 Annual Conference.**  
November 13-14 in Hobbs. EEANM, NMSTA and NMCTM bring together our state's finest educators for a diverse offering of workshops and presentations.

Find details and register at [www.eeanm.org/events](http://www.eeanm.org/events)

Join us for the next “EE Over Lunch” on Thursday, July 30, 11:30am-1:00pm, at the Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center. Teachers are invited to munch on lunch while the center’s new educator, Noel Chilton, presents frameworks for school group programming and listens to your ideas about how to make sure your students’ visits cover relevant standards in meaningful and exciting ways.



ABQ Open Space will generously provide lunch for the first 25 registrants. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

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**Do you have news or events for our next newsletter?**  
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