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### NM's First Annual Outdoor Learning Week: Promoting a Healthier Alternative for Kids

[STATEWIDE] (September 17, 2021) New Mexico's first annual Outdoor Learning Week, as declared by Governor Lujan Grisham, is September 27-October 1, 2021. The necessity of outdoor learning has never been more evident, and outdoor classrooms provide a bipartisan, common-sense solution to support healthier kids, schools, and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Investing in outdoor classrooms today will provide a healthier alternative to allow teaching and learning to occur in the open air, which reduces the transmission of COVID-19, for all of our students, teachers, and local communities.

During **Outdoor Learning Week**, Environmental Education of New Mexico is encouraging educators statewide to engage students in fun outside activities. We are also promoting opportunities for outdoor learning throughout the state by hosting a series of live and pre-recorded virtual events on our social media accounts during the week ([eenm.org/week](http://eenm.org/week)):

- Monday, September 27, Pre-recorded, YouTube, "Why Students Want Outdoor Classrooms and How You Can Get Involved," With Sue George, Wild Friends, and Eileen Everett, Environmental Education of New Mexico
- Tuesday, September 28, 4:30 pm, Live, Facebook Live, "State of Outdoor and Environmental Learning: A Tour of the State-Wide Program Inventory," With Bridget Tam, US Forest Service Southwest Region, and Tallie Segel, Environmental Education of New Mexico
- Wednesday, September 29, 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm, Live, Instagram Live, "New Mexico Outdoor Classrooms in Action!," With Jesus Godinez, La Semilla Food Center, Laura Flores, Bel-Air Elementary, and Tallie Segel, Environmental Education of New Mexico
- Thursday, September 30, Prerecorded, YouTube, "Tour of [outdoorlearningnm.org](http://outdoorlearningnm.org): A One-Stop Resource for Outdoor Education in NM," With Eileen Everett, Environmental Education of New Mexico
- Friday, October 1, Prerecorded, YouTube, "Realizing Equitable Outdoor and Environmental Learning for All New Mexican Students," With Eileen Everett, Tallie Segel, and Stephanie Haan-Amato, Environmental Education of New Mexico

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