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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 prerecorded virtual events on our social media accounts during the week (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: 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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