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Getting Kids Outside to Learn During NM's Second Annual Outdoor Learning Week

[STATEWIDE] (September 14, 2021) To highlight the importance of getting kids outside, Governor Lujan Grisham issued a proclamation declaring that New Mexico's second annual Outdoor Learning Week will be September 26-October 1, 2022. Environmental Education of New Mexico (EENM) and our network of more than 170 outdoor and environmental learning organizations will celebrate by taking kids outside for fun lessons and gathering our community to learn and share during the virtual Outdoor Learning Symposium. All children in New Mexico deserve the meaningful experiences and sense of discovery that result from outdoor learning. Research shows that when we support youth in daily outdoor experiences, they are healthier and gain the knowledge and skills to innovate solutions to today's issues.

During [Outdoor Learning Week](http://eenm.org/week), EENM is encouraging educators statewide to engage students in fun outside activities and incentivizing outdoor learning with a prize drawing. We are also hosting a virtual Outdoor Learning Symposium that consists of two sessions aimed at growing outdoor education throughout the state by getting formal and informal educators excited about involving their students and giving them the tools they need. Outdoor Learning Week 2022 will include (eenm.org/week):

- **Outdoor Learning Prize Drawing** - We are asking educators to engage students in their favorite outdoor learning activity or use one of the free lessons on our website. When educators snap a photo, share it on social media, and tag EENM, they'll be entered into a drawing for a prize. Educators can win a \$50 gift card to a local establishment in their area, and organizations can win a free one-year EENM organizational membership.
- **[Outdoor Learning Symposium](http://eenm.org/symposium)**, September 27 and 29, 4:00 - 5:30 pm - These two free virtual sessions are open to everyone interested in understanding more about outdoor learning and how to involve students. We will feature inspiring speakers from around the state who will share insight into designing, building, and using outdoor classrooms in session 1 and local, standards-aligned outdoor learning curricula during session 2.

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