

Outdoor Learning Symposium

Building the Toolbox to Grow Outdoor Learning



Session 2: Standards-Aligned Outdoor Learning Curricula September 29, 4:00 - 5:30 pm MST

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Dr. Peter Skelton is a professor and director of the New Mexico State University Extension and Research Youth Agricultural Science Center. He earned a Ph.D. and BS from the University of Nebraska in Natural Resource Science and an MA from New Mexico State University in Agricultural and Extension Education. As the director of the NMSU Extension and Research Youth Agricultural Science Center, he supports the delivery of a range of STEM-based agricultural education programs for youth, post-secondary and graduate students, in-service teachers, and agricultural producers. Areas of focus include: STEM education, agricultural literacy, agroecology, and sustainability. His research interests include: improving youth science comprehension; integrating agriscience, literacy, and numeracy; and, experiential and inquiry-based teaching and learning.



Why is outdoor and environmental learning important to you? “I believe that we as educators provide the context for the content and outdoor education immerses the students in what they are learning. The kids then say, Oh I see this! They are actually seeing their learning which makes it powerful.”

Presentation Topics: Ag in the Classroom resources/curriculum, aligning lessons of all grade levels to Next Generation Science Standards, how to use the Ag in the Classroom units in the schoolyard