

AREA 14th BIENNIAL TRAINING and CONFERENCE FOR AQUATIC EDUCATORS

“Sculpting the Future: Building on 25 years of Aquatic Education”

Rapid City, South Dakota

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The Aquatic Resource Education Association (AREA) conference is the only national professional association that offers professional development and networking among NGO, state and federal peers for Aquatic Education staff. AREA:

- ü Leads the national discussions for aquatic education leaders.
- ü Is organized for all aquatic educational and R3 purposes.
- ü Members include representatives of State, Federal, industry, fisheries and educational professionals involved in all types of aquatic resource programs.
- ü Created to foster, promote and encourage aquatic education sharing and partnerships.

Why attend?

Don't miss this training opportunity for you and your team. The tag line says it all, but here are a few more reasons:

- Learn from the best and brightest in our field. Experts will showcase best practices in aquatic education covering today, tomorrow and the future.
- Network and make connections with other aquatic education professionals. Learn from other's challenges and get practical solutions to implement in your program.
- Submit a presentation proposal to share your success story.
- The inspiration, enthusiasm and knowledge you'll gain from the workshops will be exceedingly valuable for you and for your organization.
- Experience one of the most successful of the outdoor / indoor classrooms. All training will be held at the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) Outdoor Campus West. Check the website for brochures and additional details.
 - The partnership between AREA and SDGFP allows for a cost-efficient event that will be appreciated by AREA member attendees.
 - Being centrally located in the US and connected to all major airports, Rapid City will be one of AREA's least expensive and easily accessible venues for attendees.
 - The history and ambiance of Rapid City, the Outdoor Campus, the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore will be an inspiration for all who attend.

About AREA

The mission of AREA is dedicated to promoting, through sound educational practices, stewardship and responsible use of aquatic resources, fisheries and habitats to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

The Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA) was established in direct response to a growing national need for a cohesive voice and a more fluid organized approach to the matters of regional, state, and local levels of aquatic concerns. The incorporation in 1994 of AREA launched an unprecedented national effort to join the forces of all levels of experts, scientists, technicians, aquatic professionals, and organizations dedicated to aquatics, toward responsible, viable aquatic management.

AREA members participate in a national effort toward education, conservation, legislation, cooperation, science, research, information dissemination, restoration, evaluation, management, recognition, and similar functions related to aquatics and aquatic programs. Members have direct access to national, regional, and local levels of support and expertise. AREA members have opportunities to participate in conferences and seminars and enjoy daily dialogue with aquatic scientists and leaders from all walks of life. AREA members share professional experience; share a positive reputation with legislators and local groups alike; and members are able to get in on the ground floor of legislation, current developments, technical and research projects, and access vast amounts of information.