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NUEL Conference-Rhythm to the Future

May 28, 2024 ↔ May 31, 2024



Registration is now open for the 2024 National Urban Extension Conference hosted by Tennessee Extension May 27-31, 2024. The professional development conference will be held at the Renaissance Downtown Nashville, Tennessee. The professional development conference will continue to build on NUEL's (National Urban Extension Leaders) focus areas along with an administrative track.

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MAY 28-31. 2024

Session	Day/Date	Time	Breakout Room A	Breakout Room B	Breakout Room C	Breakout Room D	Breakout Room E	Breakout Room F
	TUESDAY	1 P.M. to 6 P.M.	Registration Opens					
		3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Leadership in the City (participant meeting)					
		4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Leadership in the City (alumni meeting)					
		6:00 P.M.	Awards Reception					
	WEDNESDAY	7:30 A.M. to 9 A.M.	BREAKFAST					
Session 1	WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	Connecting Diverse Urban Youth from Las Vegas to the Outdoors <i>Nora Luna</i>	The Development of a Backyard Composting Project Through Community Engagement <i>DJ Scully</i>	Lifestyle Medicine: Extension Program Area Collaboration to Improve Health Outcomes <i>Jenny Lobb</i>	Urban Cooperative Extension as a Complex System: Addressing Challenges through Action Research <i>Rebecca Hardeman</i>	"I Ate My Homework": Hydroponics in Schools <i>Melinda Souers, Hannah Wooten</i>	Defining Urban Agriculture - Dialogue for Understanding <i>Barbara Worley, Shannon Wiley</i>
		9:35 A.M.	SNAP GAP: Examining SNAP enrollment in NJ Schools <i>Veronica Jones</i>	Empowering Green Infrastructure Champions in Overburdened Communities through Rain Garden Projects <i>Christopher C. Obropta</i>	Indiana urban farmer risk perception of heavy metal soil contamination <i>Nathan Shoaf</i>	Facilitating Stakeholder Conversations: Using Civil Strategies <i>Barbara Dunn Swanson</i>	Building a Sustainable Growers Network <i>Laura Ney</i>	
		9:55 A.M.	Community Central: Leveraging the assets of urban neighborhoods to build sustainable youth development programs <i>Kristy Ouellette, Dana Dotson, Mitch Mason, Laura Personette</i>	Effects of Urbanization on Peri-urban Agricultural Soils: Puget Sound, WA <i>Prabesh Khanal</i>	Engaging community buy-in and participation to strengthen urban food systems <i>Kelsey Ryan-Simkins</i>	Veggies at the Laundromat- Produce Prescription and Nutrition Education <i>Christina Nadolne</i>	Edible Gardening for All: a Journey of Iterations Towards Educating a Metropolitan Food Desert region. <i>Katerina Graham</i>	
		10: 15 to 10:30 A.M.	BREAK					
Session 2	WEDNESDAY	10:30 A.M.	Improving Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement in Urban Extension Programs <i>Ryan Tesar</i>	Lawn & Gardening Our Way to Hell in a Vegetable Basket <i>Brad Lee</i>	A role for Extension to enhance urban tree planting programs <i>Lea Wilson</i>	How to promote Scientific Literacy in our Extension activities <i>Ariel Clay</i>	Meeting Indiana Urban Farmers' Needs: Characteristics, Challenges, and Priorities <i>Nathan Shoaf</i>	Personnel: Addressing professional development and progress from an ecosystem perspective. <i>Brad Gaolach, Julie Fox, Alyssa</i>

		10:50 A.M.	UPLIFT: Empowering Youth for Tomorrow’s Future <i>Hardin Stevens</i>	Designing Climate-Smart Extension Programs for the Commercial Horticulture Industry in Florida <i>Henry Mayer</i>	Exploring the “Human Side” of Urban Agriculture <i>Julie Jesmer</i>	Enhancing Community Engagement for Sustainable Educational Outreach in Urban Environments <i>Rebecca Hardemann</i>	Growing Connections with an Urban Learning Farm <i>Heather Kelejian</i>	<i>Bowers, Jeantyl Norze, Ramona Madhosingh-Hector</i> [Leading Edge Dialogue]
		11:10 A.M.	Are They Getting It? Evaluating Opportunity for All - Urban 4-H <i>Vernelle G. Mitchell-Hawkins</i>	Bilingual Landscaping Basics in the Bookstore <i>Hannah Wooten</i>	Linking Urban Gardeners to Market: A Snowball Extension Outreach Model <i>Lila B. Karki, Prem Bhandari, Enrique Escobar</i>	Immigrant and Refugee Communities: Promising Practices for Inclusion and Sustained Belonging within Extension <i>Marilu Andon, Mitch Mason, Andita Das</i>	Forage to Freezer: Elementary students learn about Pawpaws through Ice Cream <i>Von Barnes, Louis Milligan</i>	
		11: 30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH W/KEYNOTE					
Session 3	WEDNESDAY	1:45 P.M.	Building Urban Futures: Igniting Youth Engagement through STEM Night <i>Jenna Jones</i>	Pollinator Day: Reaching the Urban Population Through Purdue EMG’s Gina Anderson	SNAP GAP: Examining SNAP enrollment in NJ Schools <i>Veronica Jones</i>	Using Dementia Information Sessions to Create Dementia Friendly Communities <i>Tasha Howard</i>	Food Recovery for Rhode Island: Cultivating Community-Led Solutions to Food Access and Food Waste <i>Amanda Missimer</i>	Extension Leadership: Vision for Extension’s Urban Efforts <i>William Miller, Andra Johnson, Edward Martn, De'Shoyn York</i> [Leading Edge Dialogue]
		1:55 P.M.	Dayton Boys & Girls Club: An Afterschool Agriculture Program <i>Leeoria Willis</i>	FFL Natural- A FFL Landscape Recognition Celebrating Natural Florida <i>Claire Lewis</i>	Bronx PANDEMIC: A Local Vaccine Intervention Mobilizing Urban Extension <i>Danielle Parks</i>	Shifting the Paradigm of Evaluation for Urban Extension Agents <i>Kristina Hains</i>	Persimmons: Exploring Local Food Systems with High School Scholars <i>Von Barnes</i>	
		2:05 P.M	4-H Mentoring: Elementary Students and Future Teachers <i>Stephanie Thorson</i>	Lessons learned in how NOT to partner with a municipality <i>Amy Rowe</i>	The Hudson County Produce Prescription and Food Pharmacy Initiative. <i>Delma Yorimoto</i>	TBD	Soil, Media, and Tissue Testing for Urban Farms: Extension Outreach and Discovery in the Unique Urban Growing Systems of Cook County <i>Zachary Grant</i>	
		2:15 P.M.	Helping Youth Thrive: Peer Mentorship and Community Building in STEM Clubs and After-school Programs <i>Jennie Thomas, Marissa Staffen</i>	Public Perceptions of Pathogen Monitoring on the Lower Raritan River <i>Michele Bakacs</i>	Opiod Abuse Awareness <i>Shavetta Davis</i>	Elevating Urban Extension Training Impact: Insights from Learning-Transfer Evaluation Model <i>Nesma Osman</i>	Sacred Ground: The Role of the Church in Urban Agriculture <i>Timothy McDermott</i>	
		2:25 P.M.	Camping Away! A Non-Traditional Approach for Summer Camps <i>Brian Walker, Danielle Kinder, Patrice Thompson</i>	Nature-based Green Infrastructure Solutions for Managing Extreme Weather Events <i>Allison Nevulis, Christopher C. Obropta</i>	Navigating Nutrition Education: Systems that promote transparency and integrity. <i>Natalie Owens, Rita Jackson, Karen Franck, Jennifer Ward</i>	Transforming School Wellness through Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change <i>Julie Frazee</i>	Pollinators and Urban Populations <i>Gina Anderson</i>	

		2:35 P.M.	iGrow Corn Germination Program <i>Tracy Anderson</i>	Green University: Learning Pesticide Basics and Category 24 Topics <i>Brooklyne Wassel</i>	Engaging community partners to support food security in NJ <i>Cara Cuite</i>	Strengthening County Governance: A Robust Extension Partnership for Capacity Building <i>Annie Wallau</i>	Extension programming to enhance urban well-being <i>Julie Fox</i>	
		2:45 P.M to 3:15 P.M.	BREAK					
Session 4	WEDNESDAY	3:15 P.M.	Creating a 4-H Spark in Idaho Youth <i>Sendy Martinez</i>	Textile circular economy – Positioning Extension to address a complex urban issue <i>Martha Aitken</i>	Adoption of Sustainable Urban Agriculture Practices to Enhance Local Food Systems <i>Leonard Githinji</i>	Effective Urban Audience Engagement Programs and Tools <i>Marie Ruemenapp</i>	Connecting Communities and Culture through Communication – A Common Link <i>Barbara Worley</i>	Developing Collaborative & Impactful Farm to School Program in Urban Areas <i>Cherl Bilinski, Sara Jablonski, Judson Reid</i>
		3:35 P.M.	Third Grade Ag in the Classroom <i>Betsy Lairson, Laura Dillion</i>	Integrated Vegetation Management: Field Day for Parks and Conservation Staff <i>JP Gellermann</i>	Learning Urban Water Management from Industry to the Industry <i>Rolando Orellana</i>	UF/IFAS GIBMP Program Providing Opportunities for Incarcerated Individuals <i>Marc Celestin</i>	Quiet Competence: Promoting Introverted Thriving in Urban Extension <i>Leilah Siegel</i>	
		3:55 P.M.	Extension in the Classroom: Hands on Educational Experiences <i>Kristen Eisenhauer</i>	TBD	A Social Action Arts Curriculum to Address Food Insecurity <i>Cara Cuite</i>	Bridging Gaps, Building Community through Innovative Curriculum and Federal Partnership <i>Kyle Karnuta</i>	Engaging Faith-Based Organizations to Strengthen Community Outreach Initiatives <i>Julie Frazee</i>	
		4:00 P.M.	EVENING ON YOUR OWN					
Session 5	THURSDAY	9:15 A.M.	NUEL Regional Meetings - South 1890's <i>Jeff Young, De'Shoyn York</i>	NUEL Regional Meetings - West <i>Angela Sandino</i>	NUEL Regional Meetings - North Central <i>Doug Swanson</i>	NUEL Regional Meetings - North East <i>Michael DiPasquale</i>		
		10:15 to 10:30 A.M.	BREAK					
Session 6	THURSDAY	10:30 A.M.	Community Connections ECOP Program Action Teams Cultivating the Urban Voice! <i>Katherine Williams, Jeff Young</i>	Community Connections NUEL Action Teams Learning for Engagement <i>Durriyyah Kemp, Ramona Madhosingh-Hector, Janine Woods, Alyssa Bowers (Facilitator)</i>	Community Connections Cultivating the 4P's Taking Action with NUEL's Best Practice and Impact Reporting Team <i>Marie Ruemenapp, Eric Killian, Julie Gray , Kris Hains</i>			Embracing Equity & Inclusion: What Can 4-H Staff Do To Serve ALL Youth <i>Janet Nagele, Mike Knutz, Mario Magana</i> [Leading Edge Dialogue]
		11: 30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH W/KEYNOTE					
Session 7		1:45 P.M.	Urban-nizing It - Exploring Impact Through Engagement in Urban 4-H Programming <i>Jenna Jones, Brian Walker</i>	Activating Partnerships in the NUEL 4P Framework – Perspectives from the Field <i>David Wright</i> [Leading Edge Dialogue]	Extension’s “Growing Teachers”: Urban Agricultural Classroom Engagement September through May <i>Carol Smathers, Katie Young, Timothy McDermott</i>	Bridging the gap between rural and urban Minnesotans through Extension civic engagement programs <i>Ellen Wolter</i>	A Cross Sector Collaboration Promoting Wellness Among Families at a Transitional Housing Facility in New York City <i>Tashara Leak, Carol Parker, Kwesi Joseph, Bilqis Benu</i>	Moving from Safety and Comfort to Accountability and Growth <i>Sara Jablonski, Judson Reid</i>
		1:55 P.M.	Living Shoreline for an Urban Community <i>Roy Messaros, Christopher C. Obropta</i>			Philosophical Shifts in Extension: The Urban Extension Initiative <i>Kristina Hains</i>		

		2:05 P.M.	Building Fences – An Overview of an Idaho Youth Mental Health Curriculum <i>Tasha Howard, Paige Wray</i>			Studio Louisville: Bridging the Trust Gap through Cross-Cultural Community Engagement <i>Jeff Fugate</i>	
		2:15 P.M.	Servant Leadership <i>Amy Ressler</i>				
		2:25 P.M.	Engaging Communities with Green Infrastructure Action Plans <i>Caitlin Gilvey, Christopher C. Obropta</i>				
		2:35 P.M. TO 3:35 P.M.	New Jersey Leaves No Bite Behind: A Climate Change and Food Waste Curriculum Intervention for Fifth Grade Students <i>Sabrina Subhit, Amy Rowe</i>				
Session 9	FRIDAY	9:30 A.M.	Urban Engagement Panel				
	Tour signups during registration		Rhythm of Music Tour Join us as we explore the heart of Music City! Participants will visit the Ryman Auditorium and learn about its influence in country music then head to the National Museum of African American Music to see explore how Music connects us all. National Museum of African American Music https://youtu.be/Q25E90xSnOs Ryman Auditorium- The Soul of Nashville Tour https://youtu.be/nl4iuGvrepA 20 Maximum	Rhythm of the Arts Tour Join us as we explore the artistry within Nashville! Participants will take a ride around music city as they explore the history and beauty of it's many murals. They will also have a chance to learn more about the iconic Hatch Show Prints and take home their own piece of history. Hatch Show Print- Hatch Block Party https://youtu.be/RxJv66jRnPE Nashville Mural Tour at Country Music Hall of Fame https://youtu.be/1LtNdvck4qc 14 Maximum	Rhythm of the Farm Tour Join us as we get connected with the land and explore one of Nashville's local farms. Participants will explore the 300 Acre farm, have a home prepared meal with local ingredients and learn more about urban agriculture. Green Door Gourmet https://youtu.be/oA9HZoaDQJU 30 Maximum		

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