



**Coalition for Education in the Outdoors
Fifteenth Biennial Research Symposium
January 17-19, 2020
Call for Abstracts**

From January 17-19, 2020 an international research symposium will be held at the Bradford Woods Campus of Indiana University near Martinsville, Indiana, a short drive from the Indianapolis Airport. The purpose of this gathering is to advance the empirical, conceptual, and theoretical bases of outdoor education. Like the first fourteen CEO Research Symposia, this symposium will bring together a wide array of researchers to explore current and future trends in using the outdoors for educational and therapeutic purposes. In addition to spotlighting current research, the program includes featured presentations on timely issues and ample time for both structured and informal dialogue.

The symposium is purposely small and informal to promote productive interaction. The event draws people interested in adventure education, organized camping, environmental education and interpretation, and other outdoor education contexts. Attendees' evaluation comments about previous gatherings are testament to the atmosphere of the conference. People were pleased with the "amazing range of academics," "being here at Bradford Woods—all of us together at a very reasonable cost," and the "passion of all involved." Because of the diversity of topics, the informal exchanges, and the quality of sessions, this event is a favorite of both well-established and emerging scholars in the field. It's also affordable.

Persons wishing to present (oral and/or poster) at the symposium must submit an electronic copy of their abstract (not to exceed 2 single-spaced pages; references only may extend onto a third page; 12 pt Times New Roman preferred) addressing the background, methods, results, and discussion of the study (authors of conceptual papers may use other headings). Authors are encouraged to utilize and identify the theoretical framework for their studies. It is expected that presentations at the CEO symposium will not have been previously published or presented elsewhere. Abstracts that ask the same questions, use the same analyses, and make the same logical arguments should not be presented at CEO. Abstracts of works in progress may be submitted provided that a full report can be given at the January symposium.

Abstracts are due by September 21, 2019.

All abstracts and manuscripts will be critiqued and evaluated by three reviewers. Notification of acceptance will follow on or around October 25. Individuals whose abstracts are accepted will be expected to present their study at the symposium. Abstracts of all presentations will be compiled and bound for dissemination at the symposium. Previous symposia abstracts can be viewed at www.outdooredcoalition.org. Questions about the submission or review process for symposium abstracts can be directed to Kendra Liddicoat (kendra.liddicoat@uwsp.edu) review coordinator for CEO Research Symposium 2020. Authors of accepted abstracts are strongly encouraged to submit full manuscripts to the **refereed** journal, *Research in Outdoor Education (ROE)* to be published by Cornell University Press. Contact Tim O'Connell (toconnell@brocku.ca) for author guidelines and to submit a manuscript to *ROE*. Details will also be available at the symposium.. Questions regarding conference logistics or registration can be directed to Charles Yaple (yaplec@cortland.edu).

The time line for the review process is:

September 21	Deadline for submission of abstracts
October 25	Notification of acceptance/rejection
November 22	Revised abstracts submitted for binding and distribution at symposium
January 17-19	Research Symposium (15 minute presentations and/or poster presentations)

How to submit abstract:

1. Send e-mail **attachment** in MS Word.
2. Use lead author's name as document file name (e.g., SMITH.doc).
3. Put "CEO Abstract - <lead author's last name>" in "subject line" of email message.
4. In body of email message include...
 - Preference for oral report or poster presentation.
 - Full title of the abstract.
 - Names, affiliations, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of **ALL** authors.
5. Send to: Dr. Kendra Liddicoat (kendra.liddicoat@uwsp.edu)
voice: 715-346-2028

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