

Calendar of Events

January 27, 2026

EXPLORE Act One-Year Anniversary Webinar

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable invites you to a one-year anniversary webinar marking the enactment of the EXPLORE Act. This virtual event will bring together federal agency leaders, policymakers, and the outdoor recreation industry to review first-year progress, highlight successes and challenges, and identify priorities to ensure the law fulfills its promise of expanding outdoor access for all Americans.

January 30, 2026

The Secrets of High-Impact Outdoor Orientation Programs (OOPs) from The Outdoor Orientation

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

A Special Symposium Hosted by the Association for Experiential Education (AEE)

How do the most successful outdoor orientation programs foster a deep sense of belonging? What are they doing to build unparalleled trust in student leaders? Join us on January 30 for an exclusive, two-hour online symposium dedicated to dissecting the "why" behind this year's top-performing programs.

Hosted by Dr. Brent J. Bell from the University of New Hampshire, this workshop will invite presenters to go beyond the data. We have invited the schools that scored highest in the Outdoor Orientation Benchmarking Survey (OOBS) to share their specific strategies, philosophies, and "secret sauce" for success.

What You'll Gain:

The 2025 Data Reveal: Be among the first to see the comprehensive results of this year's benchmarking survey.

The "Belonging" Blueprint: Hear from the school with the highest rates of student belonging.

The Trust Factor: Learn how the top-rated programs build high levels of trust in both leaders and peer groups.

Lasting Impact: Discover the methods used by the school with the highest rates of post-trip growth.

Updates of the OOP Census: Updates on the current state of the "outdoor orientation neighborhood" including the number of programs and trends.

February 3, 2026
- April 7, 2026

Justice Outside Learning Labs
Online Meeting URL
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST
Cameron Navarro, 510.839.0731, ext 84
cameron@justiceoutside.org
Learning Lab Peer Cohorts Info Flyer
Register Now!
Justice Outside: Learning Lab Peer Cohorts

Your equity journey can be a solitary one with a path that's not always clear. At Justice Outside we can connect you with others on the same path and help you go further together with our Learning Lab Peer Cohorts offered quarterly throughout the year.

Learning Lab Peer Cohorts are immersive, practice-based gatherings where outdoor and environmental leaders come together to build skills, exchange knowledge, and practice equity-centered approaches in real time. Such community driven exchanges of ideas and collaborative problem solving are key to the grassroots nature of our goals of environmental justice and a cornerstone of Justice Outside's Power-Building initiatives.

If you are a program manager, director, or experienced professional in the justice sectors looking to move beyond conversation into real-time practice our labs are excellent opportunities to enhance your journey. These are not lectures, they are peer driven conversations that help participants strengthen connections to one another and between organizations to help further the advancement of equity in the outdoors.

Whether you're taking the next steps on your equity journey or deepening long-term commitments to inclusion in outdoor spaces, our Learning Labs are here to meet you where you are and guide you further on your journey. Register today!

February 4, 2026
- March 4, 2026

Risk Management for Outdoor Programs Training

<https://www.viristar.com/product/feb-26-live-session-times-1100-am-singapore-time-utc8/>

11:00 am Singapore time UTC+8. Times and dates based on Singapore time, UTC+8
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Online Training Course for Outdoor Professionals

The course is a combination of five real-time video-conference sessions, spaced one week apart, and independent work periods between live sessions.

Five live online sessions: (11:00 am Singapore time UTC+8. Times and dates based on Singapore time, UTC+8)

Wednesday, February 4, 11:00 am – 11:45 am UTC+8

Wednesday, February 11, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, February 18, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, February 25, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, March 4, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

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Valuable for

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February 25, 2026
- March 11, 2026

Justice Outside Community Workshops

Online Meeting URL

Morning, 10a-12p, available for Eastern & Pacific time zones
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Community Workshop Info Flyer
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Justice Outside: Community Workshops

Here at Justice Outside we understand that the commitment to racial justice, equity, and inclusion in the outdoor and environmental spaces is a collaborative undertaking. Our approach is a blend of academic expertise and lived experience that ensures a holistic, practical, and culturally relevant approach to all of our programs. Justice Outside's Community Workshops are taught from a real-world perspective with ever-changing curricula that adapt to the needs of the participants of each session and meet them where they are in their journey.

We offer four Community Workshop series throughout the year covering topics relevant to nonprofit organizations working in the justice sectors. Each series consists of three two-hour sessions. Our workshops offer supportive learning environments to anyone looking to explore new ideas and deepen their DEI journey via shared knowledge and experiential learning.

The Justice Outside Community Workshops are excellent opportunities for all individuals to foster a deeper understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion practices whether for themselves or for their organization. Register today!

March 4, 2026
- April 1, 2026

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<https://www.viristar.com/product/mar-26-live-session-times-1100-am-new-york-time-utc-5/>

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Wednesday, Mar 4, 11:00 am – 11:45 am UTC-5

Wednesday, Mar 11, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4

Wednesday, Mar 18, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4

Wednesday, Mar 25, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4

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April 1, 2026
- April 29, 2026

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<https://www.viristar.com/product/apr-26-live-session-times-1100-am-singapore-time-utc8/>

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Wednesday, April 1, 11:00 am – 11:45 am UTC+8

Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, April 15, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, April 22, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

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May 6, 2026
- June 3, 2026

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*Wednesday, May 6, 11:00 am – 11:45 am UTC-4
Wednesday, May 13, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4
Wednesday, May 20, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4
Wednesday, May 27, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4
Wednesday, Jun 3, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4*

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August 5, 2026
- September 2, 2026

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Wednesday, Aug 5, 11:00 am – 11:45 am UTC+8

Wednesday, Aug 12, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, Aug 19, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, Aug 26, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, Sept 2, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

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September 2, 2026
- September 30, 2026

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Wednesday, Sept 9, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4

Wednesday, Sept 16, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4

Wednesday, Sept 23, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4

Wednesday, Sept 30, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC-4

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October 7, 2026
- November 4, 2026

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Wednesday, Oct 14, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

Wednesday, Oct 21, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm UTC+8

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