# KBS K-12 Partnership 2019 Summer Institute – TUESDAY, June 25

# **Biodiversity Bonanza!**

8:00am	Breakfast, Introductions, Announcements	Auditorium

8:30am **Plenary Speaker: Dr. Will Wetzel**, Professor of Entomology

Plant-insect interactions Auditorium

9:30am Concurrent Session Teasers

9:45am **Group Picture** 

# 10:00am Tuesday - Concurrent Session 1

A. Involving students in ecological restoration decisions (Middle and High School)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: John Brittenham (Restoration Ecologist, Blue Heron Ministries)	Room #
B. <b>One of the wonders of the microbe world: Nitrogen fixation</b> (Elementary)	Stack Bldg
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Organizer: Caro Cordova (KBS-GLBRC Postdoctoral Research Associate)	Room #
C. S'mores and More!** (Elementary)	Auditorium
Organizer: Sara Syswerda (Education Director, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute)	
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** This session continues in Concurrent Session 2	

### 11:00am **Break**

# 11:15am **Tuesday – Concurrent Session 2**

A. Biodiversity sampling (AGES)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Mitch Lettow (Stewardship Specialist, SW Michigan Land Conservancy)	Room #
B. <b>Seed adaptations: dispersal and predation!</b> (All Ages)	Stack Bldg
Organizers: Sarah Johnson (KBS Independent Study Undergraduate)	Room #
& Meredith Zettlemoyer (KBS Graduate Student, Plant Biology)	
C. Switchgrass Biology (AGES)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Mike Ryskamp (MSU Graduate Student, Plant Biology)	Room #
D. S'more and More! (Elementary)	Auditorium
Organizer: Sara Syswerda (Education Director, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute)	

12:30pm Lunch McCrary Dining Hall

# 1:15pm **Tuesday – Concurrent Session 3**

A. Dendrology Scavenger Hunt (High School)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Katie Minnix (MSU Graduate Student, Department of Forestry)	Room #







B. Fostering Wonder through Project-Based Science (Grades 3-5)		Stack Bldg
	Organizers: Chris Reimann & Angela Kolonich (CREATE for STEM Institute at MSU)	Room #
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	C. How to bee a pollen detective (Middle and High School)	Stack Bldg
	Organizer: Sean Griffin (KBS Graduate Student, Integrative Biology)	Room #

## 2:15pm **Break**

# 2:30pm **Tuesday – Concurrent Session 4**

A. Bugs in your backyard (High School)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Kayleigh Hauri (MSU Graduate Student, Entomology)	Room #
B. What's Your "Q" - Water Quality Activities (Middle & High School)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Cheryl Hatch (High School Teacher, KAMSC)	Room #
C. Where the wild things aren't: using eDNA to find rare species (Middle & High	Stack Bldg
School)	Room #
Organizer: Kyle Jaynes (KBS Graduate Student, Integrative Biology)	

3:30pm Connecting Sessions to NGSS for Classroom Implementation

Auditorium

Organizer: Kara Haas and Thomas Charney

4:00pm **Evaluation & Adjourn** 

**Auditorium** 

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Link to today's online evaluation form: June 25 Evaluation

(https://bit.ly/2WSLDmO)









## KBS K-12 Partnership 2019 Summer Institute – WEDNESDAY, June 26

# **Biodiversity Bonanza!**

8:00am Breakfast, Introductions, Announcements Auditorium
8:30am Plenary Speaker: Dr. Mariah Meek, Professor of Integrative Biology
Genomics to the rescue: improving conservation of imperiled fish populations
9:30am Concurrent Session Teasers
9:45am Group Picture

Organizers: Kara Haas, KBS Science Education and Outreach Coordinator and Misty Klotz, KBS Community Outreach Assistant

Facilitated discussion groups to identify needs of school districts and goals for the KBS K-12 Partnership moving forward. Participants will work in teams to learn about and discuss student learning around data collection and analysis, place-based education. Project based learning, productive talk/discussion, climate change and evolution.

#### 11:00am **Break**

### 11:15am Wednesday - Admin and Teacher Roundtable (cont.)

10:00am **Wednesday – Admin and Teacher Roundtable** 

**Auditorium** 

Auditorium

Organizers: Kara Haas, KBS Science Education and Outreach Coordinator and Misty Klotz, KBS Community Outreach Assistant Facilitated discussion continues!

### 12:00pm **Group Picture (behind the Manor House)**

12:15pm Lunch McCrary Dining Hall

### 1:15pm Wednesday - Concurrent Session 5

A. Chromebooks and Probeware (Middle and High School)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Connie High (Delton Kellogg High School Teacher)	Room #
B. <b>UofM Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center</b> (All Ages)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Dorothy McLeer (Program Coordinator and Interpretive Naturalist)	Room #
C. <b>3-D or not 3-D, that is the question!!!</b> (Elementary & Middle School)	Stack Bldg
Organizer: Marti Beitner-Miller (MSLI Instructor, Teacher Education)	Room #

### 2:15pm **Break**

## 2:30pm Wednesday - Concurrent Session 6

A. Monarch program (AGES) Stack Bldg







Organizer: Veronica Bolhuis (4-H Program Coordinator, MSU Extension)	Room #
B. Food justice, sustainability, gardening – Root to Shoot program (AGES) Organizer: Angela Newsomm (Detroit Educator)	Stack Bldg Room #
C. <b>Hiding in plain sight: adaptations for survival</b> (Middle School) Organizer: Ava Garrison (KBS Graduate Student, Plant Biology)	Stack Bldg Room #

3:30pm Connecting Sessions to NGSS for Classroom Implementation

**Auditorium** 

Organizer: Kara Haas and Thomas Charney

4:00pm **Evaluation & Adjourn** 

Auditorium

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## KBS K-12 Partnership 2019 Summer Institute - THURSDAY, June 27

# **Biodiversity Bonanza!**

# Field Day

7060 N. 42nd St., Augusta, MI 49012

8:00am Breakfast, Introductions, Announcements Auditorium

8:30am Plenary Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Jordan Department of Community Sustainability Auditorium

Citizen Science

Thursday – Activity 1 10:00am – 3:00pm

10:00am Vernal Pool Classroom KBS Classroom

Organizer: MNFI

12:00pm Carpool to Pierce Cedar Creek Institute Upper Parking Lot

Pickup and distribute boxed lunches

12:30pm Field portion of vernal pools Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

Organizer: MNFI

Thursday – Activity 2 10:00am – 3:00pm

10:00am BioBlitz - A schoolyard species inventory event Location: TBD

Organizer: Gabrielle Likavec, Michigan Geographic Alliance Director, Central Michigan

University

12:15pm Lunch McCrary Dining Hall
1:15pm BioBlitz - A schoolyard species inventory event Location: TBD

3:15pm Snack

3:30pm Connecting Sessions to NGSS for Classroom Implementation Auditorium

Organizer: Kara Haas and Thomas Charney

4:00pm Evaluation & Adjourn Auditorium

Link to today's online evaluation form: June 27 Evaluation

(https://bit.ly/2wC710f)









# Session Descriptions - Tuesday, June 25, 2019

# Involving students in ecological restoration decisions

Middle School

Organizer: John Brittenham

Abstract: This session will discuss ideas on how to include students in ecological restoration projects in and around school grounds from the perspective of a restoration ecologist. Potential project ideas and how to incorporate the projects in the classroom will be covered.

### One of the wonders of the microbe world: Nitrogen fixation

Elementary

Organizer: Caro Cordova (KBS-GLBRC Postdoctoral Research Associate)

Abstract: Did you know that 78% of the air that we breathe is nitrogen  $(N_2)$ ? Did you also know that the most limiting nutrient in terrestrial plants is nitrogen? Weird, right? Come join me to dive deep into this subject and learn more about nitrogen in agroecosystems, especially how some plants have the advantage to associate with nitrogen fixing bacteria to obtain their nitrogen from the air.

S'mores and More! Elementary

Organizer: Sara Syswerda (Education Director, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute)

Abstract: This session, geared towards elementary teachers, will focus on helping teachers learn how to construct engineering problems to address Michigan Science Standards. We will be building solar ovens to help us learn about energy transformations, temperature measurement, and engineering practices. Be prepared to work hard to cook your s'more, and the most melted s'more wins!

# Biodiversity Sampling Age Range

Organizer: Mitch Lettow (Stewardship Specialist, SW Michigan Land Conservancy)

Abstract:

#### Seed adaptations: dispersal and predation!

All Ages

Organizers: Sarah Johnson (KBS Independent Study Undergraduate) & Meredith Zettlemoyer (KBS Graduate Student, Plant Biology)

Abstract: How do seeds get around? In this inquiry-based lesson, we will observe and collect data on seed adaptations and the many unique ways seeds disperse. We will also investigate how seed predators affect seed populations by learning how to set up a seed predation study in the schoolyard.

Switchgrass Biology Age Range

*Organizer*: Mike Ryskamp (MSU Graduate Student, Plant Biology)

Abstract:







# **Dendrology Scavenger Hunt**

High School

Organizer: Katie Minnix (MSU Graduate Student, Department of Forestry)

Abstract: In this activity, participants will practice identifying leaf characteristics and some tree species

during an outdoor scavenger hunt.

### Fostering Wonder through Project-Based Science

Grades 3-5

Organizers: Chris Reimann & Angela Kolonich (CREATE for STEM Institute at MSU)

Abstract:

# How to bee a pollen detective

Middle and High School

Organizer: Sean Griffin (KBS Graduate Student, Integrative Biology)

Abstract: What makes a bee a good pollinator? Do bees always pollinate the flowers they visit? How can flowers make bees do what they need? In this session we will talk about pollination and plant competition, and will create pollen slides to unravel the mysteries of bee behavior.

# **Bugs in your backyard**

High School

Organizer: Kayleigh Hauri (MSU Graduate Student, Entomology)

Abstract: What bugs are in your backyard, and what is their role in the ecosystem? Learn what traits distinguish insect herbivores, predators, and parasitoids, how they interact with plants and each other, and how to identify bugs from your own garden or yard.

# What's your "Q"? -

Middle and High School

## Water Quality Activities for Middle and High School Classrooms

Organizer: Cheryl Hatch (High School Teacher, KAMSC)

Abstract: Cheryl and friends will review and provide hands-on practice of the components needed to calculate a water quality index for a body of freshwater. Using physical and chemical tests and examination of freshwater invertebrates collected from leafpacks, students and teachers can draw a complete picture of the health of nearby bodies of water. Join us for practice and conversation about this important topic!

# Where the wild things aren't:

Middle and High School

### Using environmental DNA (eDNA) to find rare species

*Organizer*: Kyle Jaynes (KBS Graduate Student, Integrative Biology)

Abstract: Environmental DNA (eDNA) is DNA shed by organisms in their environment, which can be sampled to test for the presence of rare species that may be difficult to find. This talk will explore these methods with a







focus on hypothesis-driven classroom based activities for both using eDNA techniques and analyzing example datasets.

# Session Descriptions - Wednesday, June 26, 2019

### **Video Games: Gateway to Outdoor Exploration?!**

K-12

Organizer: Thomas Charney (KBS Science Education Intern)

Abstract:

### **UofM Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center**

Age Range

Organizer: Dorothy McLeer (Program Coordinator and Interpretive Naturalist)

Abstract:

## 3-D or not 3-D, that is the question!!!

Elementary and Middle

School

*Organizer*: Marti Beitner-Miller (MSU Instructor, Teacher Education)

Abstract: Does your school district have a science curriculum that provides lab experiences with formative assessments for your students to complete? Do you have no science curriculum to follow and you design your own lab experiences? Do you have a favorite lab experience that you have been doing for years, but want to be sure it fits into the new Next Generation Science Standards? If your answer was "yes" to any or all of these questions, this session is for you!!! Through participation in simulation experiences, we will practice and examine how to be sure that the formative assessments being used for your students are meeting the 3-D's for the NGSS Performance Expectations!!!

Monarch program Age Range

Organizer: Veronica Bolhuis (4-H Program Coordinator, MSU Extension)

Abstract:

### Food justice, sustainability, gardening - Root to Shoot program

Age Range

Organizer: Angela Newsomm (Detroit Educator)

Abstract:

### Hiding in plain sight: adaptations for survival

Middle School

Organizer: Ava Garrison (KBS Graduate Student, Plant Biology)

Abstract: In a short lecture, students will learn about how animals and plants use camouflage to avoid predation and herbivory, and how those adaptations can affect population and community composition. An







Grade levels: 5-12

Grade levels: K-12

activity following the lecture will allow students to simulate the role of camouflage in predation and community composition.

# Session Descriptions - Thursday, June 27, 2019

# **Field Day Options**

### **Vernal Pool Monitoring Workshop**

*Organizer:* Daria Hyde, Phyllis Higman, and Yu Man Lee, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Michigan State University

Our vernal pools workshop will start in the classroom where educators from the Michigan Natural Features Inventory will give what, when, where, why of vernal pools—what are they, when and where do they occur, and why should we care about them? They will also tell us how we can find them and what critters we can expect to find in them! In the afternoon we will head out to a vernal pool to put our knowledge in action! We will sample the pool to look for macroinvertebrates and amphibians present (including indicator species like fairy shrimp!), and learn how we can participate in the Vernal Pool Patrol, a statewide citizen science-based vernal pool mapping and monitoring program. By the end of the day you will have all the tools you need to feel confident teaching about vernal pools yourself!

### **BioBlitz - A schoolyard species inventory event**

Organizer: Gabrielle Likavec, Michigan Geographic Alliance Director, Central Michigan University Using the free lessons developed by the Michigan Geographic Alliance, we'll start by participating in some structured BioBlitz activities (inc. plot/grid observations, scavenger hunts, etc.). For the afternoon we'll head outside to do some Blitzing! We'll do a broad survey of many different groups of organisms, practicing survey techniques and using identification tools such as apps and field guides. We will conclude the experience with a wrap up of species observed (iNaturalist) and creating plans for bringing the experience to students. At the end of the day participants will also have taken the first step in the journey towards becoming National Geographic Certified Educators.





