



From February 11-13, 2022 an international research symposium will be held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC, USA (<https://blueridgeassembly.org/>) 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 last symposium was held in 2018. We are thrilled to bring this event back and to meet in person at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC, USA just following the Wilderness Education Association's International Conference on Outdoor Leadership to be held at the same location February 9-11, 2022.

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," "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. Questions regarding conference logistics or registration can be directed to Andrew Bobilya at: [ajbobilya@2ndnatureTREC.com](mailto:ajbobilya@2ndnatureTREC.com). Registration, lodging and travel details will be available soon at: [www.outdooredcoalition.org](http://www.outdooredcoalition.org) and [www.2ndnatureTREC.com](http://www.2ndnatureTREC.com)

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 February symposium.

**Abstracts are due by October 1, 2021 through the *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership* system.**

All abstracts and manuscripts will be critiqued and evaluated by three reviewers. Notification of acceptance will follow on or around November 15. Individuals whose abstracts are accepted will be expected to present their study in person 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](http://www.outdooredcoalition.org). Questions about the submission or review process for symposium abstracts can be directed to Kendra Liddicoat ([kendra.liddicoat@uwsp.edu](mailto:kendra.liddicoat@uwsp.edu)), review coordinator for CEO Research Symposium 2022. **Authors of accepted abstracts are strongly encouraged to submit full manuscripts to the refereed journal, *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership (JOREL)* to be published in a Special Issue in late 2022 focused on the CEO symposium.**

**Submission timeline:**

October 1, 2021	Deadline for submission of abstracts
November 15, 2021	Notification of acceptance/rejection
December 20, 2021	Revised abstracts submitted for binding and distribution at symposium
February 11-13, 2022	Research Symposium (15-minute presentations and/or poster presentations)
March 15, 2022	Optional manuscript Submission to the <i>JOREL</i>
September 1, 2022	Accepted manuscripts submitted for copy editing
November, 2022	<i>JOREL</i> Special Issue Published

**Abstract Submission Instructions:**

1. Go to: <https://js.sagamorepub.com/jorel/information/authors>
2. If you are not registered with the journal, complete the registration
3. Begin your submission and be sure to choose the **CEO Research Symposium 2022** as the submission category
4. Add a note to the editor indicating if you prefer a) oral presentation, b) poster presentation, or c) are willing to be considered for either

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