



Step away from the screen! Helping students do real science in their own backyards

Webinar for K-12 Teachers

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

7:00-8:00PM

Overwhelmed by lists of virtual learning links? Concerned your students are spending too much time glued to the computer screen? Join your fellow teachers for a webinar exploring ways to get your students outside using the practices of science while still conforming to social distancing guidelines. The activities can also be adapted for those students who are unable to get outside.

Our featured speaker, Julia West, will share how she's been working with high school students and second grade teacher Lucinda Keith will share how she's got her students and their parents outside practicing science by observing spring arriving in their own yards. Presenters will share ready to use student work sheets that can be adapted for your own students.

Julia West teaches high school science with Oak Meadow School (oakmeadow.com), an accredited K-12 distance learning school working with students throughout the world. Oak Meadow differs from many "online schools" because it has a print-based curriculum to reduce screen time and provide flexibility. Lessons for middle and high school are clearly spelled out for students to use on their own, with parent and teacher guidance. Each student works as an individual, and activities are designed with that flexibility in mind. You could almost say that it was made for uninterrupted learning during a global pandemic! Julia has written the environmental science and biology courses for Oak Meadow. She is excited to share, through a couple of exploratory science projects, what she has learned in her years of experience making this education model work for widely distributed students.