

Cracker Barrel Sessions: rotate among 3 sessions in an hour (Saturday version)

The CRACKER BARREL is a very short session repeated three times in 55-mins. The presenter usually provides a brief introduction to the topic, and participants are invited to comment and ask questions. After 15 minutes, participants will move on to another table with a 5 minute period for re-grouping, and each presenter will repeat the presentation to a new group. Three groups will pass by each table in a 55-mins period. Most sessions are available both Friday and Saturday, unless otherwise noted in the description. On Saturday, the 1st session will take place from 1:00 – 1:15 (transition from 1:15-1:20); 2nd session from 1:20 – 1:35 (transition from 1:35–1:40); 3rd session from 1:40 – 1:55 (transition time from 1:55–2:00). Like the session? Feel free to stick around longer.

Session	Session Description
<p>Sibley Pond: Cobb Water's Virtual Visit Shaundon Moore / Cobb Co. Watershed Stewardship</p> 	<p>Beginning in September 2020, Cobb Water worked with the National Park Service to produce a virtual outdoor education series for 4th graders. The series consisted of 16 videos, each 13-15 minutes, packaged in a simple and elegant format.</p> <p>The first cohort completed the program in December, and teachers offered strong reviews! Learn how we converted a traditional field trip to Sibley Pond into a video series that is engaging, easy to navigate, and easily shareable</p>
<p>Geocaching & EE: Hosting a Real World Scavenger Hunt Cecile Riker / Athens-Clarke County Stormwater Management</p> 	<p>Learn more about the world of Geocaching and how Athens-Clarke County Stormwater incorporates geocaches into watershed education and outreach.</p> <p>This is a great way to facilitate outdoor, independently-led environmental education in the community. Geocaching is highlighted during COVID-19 because it is all outdoors and people participate on their own. It is free to create a Geocaching account, so barriers to implementing a program like this are relatively low.</p>
<p>What Is This MAG You Speak Of? Mary Beth Cary / Monarchs Across Georgia</p> 	<p>This session introduces Monarchs Across Georgia (MAG), a program of the Environmental Education Alliance that offers teacher workshops, K-12 curriculum related to the monarch butterfly, certification of pollinator habitats, a symposium on pollinators, Symbolic Migration activities to connect classrooms in Canada and the US with those in Mexico, community science and more!</p> <p>Learn whether you would like to volunteer with MAG, get trained, plant a monarch-sustaining garden, or engage students with MAG.</p>
<p>ATEEG Q&A Stacy Smith & ATEEG grads</p> 	<p>ATEEG (Advanced Training in Environmental Education in Georgia) Chairperson Stacy Smith and program Graduates will answer questions and talk about the projects they completed to attain certification.</p> <p>This session will allow those currently enrolled and those that are thinking of enrolling to learn more about the process, especially the final project that graduates must complete to be certified.</p>

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