



Water Festival Coordinators 2021 Virtual Gathering

November 16, 2020

Note: You will receive the Zoom log-in once you register

Agenda

10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Scott Williamson, Education & Outreach Coordinator, Water Education Colorado

10:15 Preview a Forthcoming (Draft) Resource: Alignment of SWEAP Critical Water Concepts and Colorado Academic Standards

Scott Williamson, Water Education Colorado and SWEAP Task Force Members TBD

This professional development opportunity will include a preview of work by a SWEAP Task Force to identify areas of alignment between Critical Water Concepts and the new Colorado Academic Standards for science and social studies.

This topic is a follow-up to last year's more general introduction to the anatomy of the new standards and potential relation to water festival curricula. We will discuss next steps that may support strategic planning of future water festivals.

Our discussion will include a specific focus on the water festival context, including:

- What would you want to know from this document?
- What questions would you like to have answered?
- How could this support your work?
- Which audiences should we have in mind as we synthesize and package this alignment analysis?

10:35 Structured discussion: Water Festivals in 2021

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As coordinators look ahead to plans for the 2021 water festivals, we will discuss the following questions in break-out sessions, then as a full group:

- Will you be holding a water festival this year? If so, will it be in-person, virtual, or hybrid?
- What additional information do you need that could inform your decision?
- What are the opportunity costs of planning a festival in an uncertain time?
 - What could you be doing with this time to advance similar goals?
- How can your fellow coordinators support you? What resources do you need?

11:00 Models for Contingency/Scenario Planning for Large Events- All

Many water festival coordinators will be exploring the feasibility of a large in-person gathering such as a water festival given COVID-19 impacts and school district adaptations to the pandemic. You will hear from fellow coordinators about the models they use for contingency and scenario planning and discuss how you might use these in charting out your 2021 festival.

11:20 What Worked for Virtual Programming? What Did Not? (Virtual Highlight Reel) - All

If you provided virtual resources last year in lieu of the water festival, what was the best thing (presenter, topic, activity) that you might suggest to others?

****NOTE:** Bring your idea and contact information to add to a shared list.

11:55 Wrap Up, Next Steps and Evaluation (Adjourn by 12:00)

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