

OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

2026 Annual Education Conference (AEC)



Day 1	Time	Segment Theme, Generalist	Speaker
Tuesday (10/27)	11:45 PM	<i>Conference Registration Open</i>	
	12:45 PM	<i>Welcome – OEHA President</i>	Luke Prinz, Benton County
	12:55 PM	<i>Siletz Charter School Drum Circle</i>	Siletz Charter High School
	1:00 PM Keynote	Trauma Informed Communication	Christy da Rosa, Trauma Informed Oregon
	2:00 PM	Healthy Fish Consumption Program	Dana Crosby, Oregon Health Authority
	3:00 PM	<i>Break with Coffee and Snacks</i>	
	3:15 PM	Your Personal Connection to Food Safety	Patrick Guzzle, National Restaurant Association
	4:15 PM	Access to Power is Access to Life: Advancing Power Resilience through Disability & Environmental Justice	Erin Taylor, Upstream Access
	5:15 PM	<i>Break</i>	
	5:30 PM	<i>Monster Mash and Mingle (costume contest with light refreshments)</i>	
Day 1: 4 Contact Hours			

Day 2	Time	AM: Food, Pool, Lodging PM: Generalist	Speaker
Wednesday (10/28)	7:30 AM	<i>Breakfast Provided</i>	
	8:30 AM	Integrated Pest Management	Luis Rivas, Valley Pest Control
	9:30 AM	(1) Cows, Cases and County Lines: Shiga toxin-producing E coli (STEC) and Cryptosporidium incidence as it relates to cattle density; (2) Testing of High Risk Foods to Solve Outbreaks	June Bancroft, Oregon Health Authority
	10:30 AM	<i>Break with Coffee and Snacks</i>	
	10:45 AM	Sanitization for Food Safety: Using Sanitizer Test Strips Workshop	Melissa Vaccaro, National Environmental Health Association
	12:15 PM	<i>Lunch Provided; Business Meeting & Awards</i>	
	1:30 PM	More Than Inspections: Where an Environmental Health Career Can Take You	Sarah Puls, Oregon Department of Emergency Management
	2:00 PM	Groundwater Monitoring at ODEQ and OHA Domestic Well Testing	Paige Haxton-Evans, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Ana Piñeyro, Oregon Health Authority
	2:45 PM	From Investment to Impact: What RFFM Can Do for Your Program	Rance Baker, National Environmental Health Association
	3:15 PM	National Environmental Health Association AEC 2026 Recap, and preparing for 2027	Kaline Chavarria, Lincoln County, Luke Prinz, Benton County
	3:30 PM	<i>Break with Coffee and Snacks</i>	
	3:45 PM Keynote	Inspection to Connection: Communicating with HEART When the Conversation Is Hard	Coleen Gose, Pilina Consulting
	5:15 PM	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Luke Prinz, OEHA President</i>

Day 2: 7 Contact Hours

Day	Time	AM: Onsite Wastewater, PM: Generalist	Speaker
Wednesday (10/28)	7:30 AM	<i>Breakfast Provided</i>	
	8:30 AM	O&M Taskforce Update	Erin O'Connell, Kiley Clamons DEQ; Todd Cleveland, Deschutes County; Aidan Bammes, Washington County
	9:30 AM	Choosing The Right Pipe	Zach Winfree, H.D. Fowler Company
	10:30 AM	<i>Break with Coffee and Snacks</i>	
	10:45 AM	Basics of the XO2-B, and what is to come!	Jake Lowe, Lowridge Onsite Technologies
	11:45 AM	Why Can't We Rebuild This? Navigating Oregon's Path to Cluster Septic Systems	Jacqueline Brenner, Willamette Partnership
	12:15 PM	<i>Lunch Provided; Business Meeting & Awards</i>	
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Day 2: 7 Contact Hours

Day 3	Time	Tour Day
Thursday (10/29)	7:30 AM	<i>Breakfast (On Your Own)</i>
	8:30-9:00 AM	Siletz Charter School Food Truck <i>Chinook Winds Resort Casino Parking Lot</i>
	9:00 AM	Travel to Tour Site (Transportation NOT Provided; Carpooling Encouraged)
	9:30 AM	Site 1: Neskowin Creek RV Resort <i>50500 US HWY 101, Neskowin, OR 97149</i>
	10:00 AM	Site 2: Oregon Oyster Farm (one hour travel south from Chinook Winds) <i>6878 Yaquina Bay Road, Newport OR 97365</i>
	12:00 PM	<i>Conference End</i>

Day 3: 2 Contact Hours

