



**Explore your environment by using the outdoors as a classroom!**

Each summer the N.C. Forest Service offers educators a chance to explore the environment with innovative learning activities suitable for integration into any school curriculum.

In “Investigating Your Environment” workshops, teachers become the students; collecting, recording and interpreting information about the environment. They then analyze the information and make inferences about the physical, social and economic impacts on the environment. All the while, learning to use the outdoors as a classroom with their students. One day will be dedicated to visiting other environmental education facilities in the area. This workshop focuses on “teaching methods” for the outdoor environment, along with content material.

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**Investigating Your Environment Workshop**

**July 12-17, 2026**

**Imagine yourself...**

- ▶ Wading through a mountain stream, looking for what calls it home.
- ▶ Exploring what’s in the soil and how we use it.
- ▶ Observing animal skins and skulls and the habitats they once occupied.
- ▶ Measuring trees, inside and out.

- ▶ \$35 Registration
- ▶ No charge for meals and lodging
- ▶ Corpening Training Facility, Crossnore, NC
- ▶ Lodging is for five nights, beginning Sunday. Meals begin with breakfast Monday and conclude with lunch Friday. Check in by 5 p.m. Sunday.
- ▶ Dress code is casual, so bring your play clothes!

*This workshop is eligible for 3 CEUs. Teachers must receive prior approval for CEU credit from their local central office in-service coordinator. The workshop is also eligible for up to 10 hours Criteria I, up to 11 hours Criteria II and up to 7.5 hours Criteria III toward North Carolina Environmental Education Certification.*

**Complete this registration form and return with a payment of \$35.00 by June 26, 2026.**  
Make check or money order payable to N.C. Forest Service.  
**Mail registration and payment to Kevin Pittman, Clemmons Educational State Forest, 2411 Old US 70 West, Clayton NC 27520.**

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**For more information, contact: Kevin Pittman at 919-553-5651 or kevin.pittman@ncagr.gov.**

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