



The Wildlife Society Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Network

February 2023 Newsletter

TWS Org Unit Activities

Out in the Field Intersectional Socials Initiative

Earlier this month, the [Out in the Field \(OiTF\) Community of TWS](#), held their first virtual social of the year. They are also launching the Intersectional Social Initiative, which will foster space for people with intersecting identities in the LGBTQ+ community and allies to connect with one another. OiTF is seeking organizers to assist with these events.

Learn more and express interest in organizing a social: <https://forms.gle/q3kVzXzZSVx7QhyL8>

Biological Diversity Working Group Webinar

In January 2023, the [Biological Diversity Working Group of TWS](#) hosted a webinar titled, “A Voice in the Wilderness: A Pioneering Biologist Explains Why We Must and How We Can Diversify the Scientific Workforce.” Dr. Joseph L. Graves, Jr. encouraged us to examine why we are doing science and who that science benefits.

View this, and other, TWS webinar recordings:
https://wildlife.org/events/?_sft_event-category=webinar

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

oSTEM Virtual Career and Grad School Expo

[oSTEM](#) will host their Virtual Spring Career and Graduate School Expo on **February 22 at 4:00 p.m. ET**. oSTEM partners, companies and schools will share exciting opportunities like internships, full-time positions, undergraduate summer research programs, and graduate school programs.

Learn more and register: <https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/oSTEM/e/xwOoB>

Inclusivity in the Outdoors Seminar

[The Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center Fellows for Change](#) will host a seminar **February 23 at 1:00 p.m. ET** focused on the previous work and perspectives of José González, Founder of [Latino Outdoors](#), and will discuss ways to increase inclusivity and accessibility in the outdoors for people of all backgrounds and cultures.

Learn more and register:

<https://secasc.ncsu.edu/2023/01/27/feb-23-1pm-seminar-inclusivity-in-the-outdoors/>

A Conversation hosted by WWCN & Backcountry Squatters

The Women in Wildlife Conservation Network & [Backcountry Squatters](#) will host a panel discussion on **March 1 at 7:00 p.m. ET**. Panelists will feature women in the conservation field: Judy Camuso - Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Jen Newmark - Nevada Department of Wildlife; Jamila Blake - The Wildlife Society.

Learn more and register:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18QmSUYNhg0BNbaccSShcR7BsJhFXn6go/view?usp=share_link

Taking Nature Black Conference

[Nature Forward](#) will host the 5th annual Taking Nature Black conference on **March 8-11**. This year's conference will offer sessions focused on the needs and interests of Black nature professionals, environmental justice advocates, educators, and outdoor enthusiasts. Keynote speakers will include Rue Mapp, Alan Spears, and Dr. Jalonnie L. White-Newsome.

Learn more and register: <https://natureforward.org/taking-nature-black/>

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program

The [USDA](#) 1890 National Scholars Program is aimed at bolstering educational and career opportunities for students from rural or underserved communities throughout the United States. This program is open to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college, and rising college sophomores and juniors. The deadline to apply is **March 15**.

Learn more and apply: <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars>

George Lea Founder's Scholarship

[Public Lands Foundation](#) is offering two scholarships to junior, senior or masters level students in natural resource management or public land policy fields of study for the 2023-2024 school year. The deadline to apply is **March 31**.

Learn more and apply: <https://natureforward.org/taking-nature-black/>

NAFWS 40th Annual Conference

[The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society's](#) 40th Annual National Conference will be hosted by Chugach Regional Resources Commission on **April 24-27** at the Hilton in downtown Anchorage, AK. This year's conference theme is "Celebrating 40 Years of Success: The Past Holds the Power. The Future Holds the Promise."

Learn more and register: <https://www.nafws.org/product/2023-annual-national-conference/>

Highlighted Resources

Green 2.0 Movement Podcast

[Green 2.0](#) has launched a new podcast focused on issues related to diversity, equity, inclusion and justice in the environmental movement. The podcast will feature guests including Green 2.0 partners, activists, and leaders in the field.

Learn more: <https://diversegreen.org/the-green-2-0-movement-podcast/>

EPA Environmental Justice Grants

[The US Environmental Protection Agency](#) is offering grants for eligible projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. This grant funding is intended to support building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health concerns in their communities.

Learn more:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance>

TWS Headquarters Updates

Call for TWS Conference Proposals

The call for proposals for [TWS' 30th Annual Conference](#) in Louisville, Kentucky is open now through **March 10**.

Learn more: <https://twsconference.org/2023-call-for-proposals-and-abstracts/>

Introducing the New TWS Website

As many of you may have noticed, wildlife.org has a new look. After gathering feedback from members, TWS moved forward with a new website design to make sure the site is contemporary, informative and easy to navigate.

Learn more: <https://wildlife.org/new-tws-website-will-offer-easy-navigation-and-a-refreshing-look/>

TWS DEI Network Resources & Contact Information

Contact Jamila Blake at jblake@wildlife.org with any questions, activity updates, success stories, or other items you would like to share. Please let us know if there is a different contact you would like to receive communications from the DEI Network.

To learn more about The Wildlife Society's DEI efforts and current resources, visit the diversity, equity, and inclusion page: <https://wildlife.org/dei/>

Recent newsletters are also available on [The Wildlife Society's website.](#)