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# 2016 South Carolina Outreach and Informal Educators Summit (SCOIES)

The 2016 SCOIES is a **FREE, informal, no-strings-attached, grassroots gathering** of outreach and informal educators serving K12 students in the Midlands of SC. The two main goals for the 2016 SCOIES include the following:

- **A keynote presentation on “The World of a 4<sup>th</sup> Grader”! Oak Pointe 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom teacher Malisa Johnson and Dutch Fork Elementary science coach Amy Umberger will come help us understand many dimensions of 4<sup>th</sup> graders as a specific audience.**
- To build stronger connections with informal education/outreach colleagues serving midlands K12 students

**2016 SCOIES: Wednesday, January 6th, 2016**, at Riverbanks Zoo, 500 Wildlife Parkway, Columbia, 29210.

**RSVP: Advance sign-up is required. Please RSVP to [education@riverbanks.org](mailto:education@riverbanks.org).**

**Food:** Participants will need to provide their own coffee, snacks, and lunch. One option is to bring a brown bag lunch, though no refrigeration or microwave access is available. A second option is to eat at one of Riverbanks’ many eating establishments. Please let us know ahead of time if you plan to purchase a meal onsite so that we can inform the kitchen to be prepared for a larger group than normal; this can be done when you RSVP.

**Parking:** Parking will be located to the left of the main entrance at Ndoki Gateway. Carpooling is encouraged. Please contact Katie McCoy at [education@riverbanks.org](mailto:education@riverbanks.org) if you have questions, can provide open seats, or need a short ride.

**SCOIES “Fair”:** Please bring brochures, maps, business cards, and other materials to share! Space will be provided for participants to display information about their site.

**Before You Come:** To help organize some of the breakout groups, we invite participants to share any ideas for environmental science, history, or other topics for the afternoon forum. See schedule below for more details. Please get these to [david\\_shelley@nps.gov](mailto:david_shelley@nps.gov) before COB Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> if possible.

If you have questions, would like to be removed from the SCOIES distribution list, or would like to be added to the SCOIES distribution list, please contact [david\\_shelley@nps.gov](mailto:david_shelley@nps.gov). Thank you.

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## **Tentative 2016 SCOIES Schedule** *(as of 12/07/2015, but subject to change)*

8:30 am – 9:00 am: **Registration**: *\*Please\** arrive early enough to check in, set up an information table, and get settled before 9:00 am.

9:00 am – 9:30 am: **Welcome**: Introductions, and Ice Breakers

9:30 am – 11:45 am (two hours with a 15 minute break): **Keynote “The World of a 4<sup>th</sup> Grader”** – Malisa Johnson, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Oak Pointe Elementary School in School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, and Amy Umberger, Science Coach at Dutch Fork Elementary School, will come share their perspectives teaching 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Who are 4<sup>th</sup> graders as an audience? What are they studying in science, social studies, ELA, math, and other subject areas? What is her wisdom from inside the classroom? What makes for a good field experience? What can we do and offer to supplement and complement their work in the classroom? They will also share a few examples of activities that they have successfully used in the classroom.

11:45 am – 12:45 pm: **Lunch**: There will not be time to scatter off site, but please see the notes above about food. This is also a great time to network and socialize!

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm: **Riverbanks Education Programs**: Presentations, tours, and perspectives from our Riverbanks’ hosts.

2:00 pm – 3:00: **Speed Updates**: Depending on attendance, each organization will have three to five minutes to update everyone else on their status, changes, exciting developments, and opportunities. A computer and projector will be available, but please send any powerpoints (*\*three\** slides maximum) ahead of time to [david\\_shelley@nps.gov](mailto:david_shelley@nps.gov).

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm: **Break**

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm: **Forum**: We will split into 3-4 breakout groups to discuss various topics that are of interest to you. Breakout groups will report to the large group at the end of the time. **We can pick the topics by consensus that day, but if you have ideas, interests, or preferences please contact D. Shelley ahead of time.** In the past we have discussed ESRI story maps, climate change, environmental education certification, and social media... What other ones can you think of?

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm: **Wrap up** and beat traffic home!