



# EcoSchools Canada in Alberta January Calendar of Events



Make sure to check out our full day EcoSchools planning workshop! For teachers in the Calgary and Capital Region, we have funding to pay for teacher release time to help you make it to the event.

Have a PD day coming up? We can deliver environmental education workshops to meet your EcoSchool's needs, and connect your colleagues and curriculum with EcoSchools actions that serve your students. FREE in Calgary and the Capital Region. [Learn more.](#)

Enjoy getting into learning for 2022 with EcoSchools - January 24 is International Day of Education! Here's what we have in store for [you](#) and [your students](#):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	11	12 <a href="#">Paddling the Athabasca</a> 11:00 AM	13	14
17	18	19	20 <a href="#">EcoSchools Pre-recorded Webinar at Shaping the Future</a>	21
24 <a href="#">Environmental Careers</a> 1:00 - 2:00 PM	25 <a href="#">EcoSchools Teacher Planning Workshop</a> <a href="#">Connect with Nearby Nature</a> 2:00 PM	26	27 <a href="#">Shaping the Future Conference</a>	28 <a href="#">Shaping The Future Conference</a>
31	1	2 <a href="#">Winter Walk Day</a>	3	4

## Events for Teachers

### Join us: Virtual EcoSchools Planning Workshop

*January 25, 2022, 9:00 - 4:00 pm MST*

Would you like time, resources and support to plan your EcoSchools action projects while connecting with other teachers involved in the EcoSchools Program in Alberta? As an added bonus for attending, your school will earn points towards EcoSchools certification with the Staff Professional Development action card!

For teachers in the Calgary and Capital Region, we have funding to pay for teacher release time. We can cover 50% of your substitute teacher cost, with the option of a sliding scale if you need help to cover the rest. This workshop is for schools who are registered on the EcoSchools platform. [Register today!](#)

### Connect with Nearby Nature: Creating Field Guides

*January 25, 2022, 2:00 pm MST*

Check out this webinar from EcoSchools Canada to learn how to create field guides for the [Connect with Nearby Nature](#) EcoSchools action. This action incorporates outdoor environmental learning to foster relationship-building between people and place. Students will get to know their ecological neighbours by practicing inquiry, observation, identification, research, and communication skills to build their own nature-connections and knowledge, and share learnings with their communities. [Sign up here.](#)

EcoSchools Canada webinar recordings are available [here](#).

### Shaping the Future: Annual Conference from Ever Active Schools

*January 26-29, 2022*

The Shaping the Future brings together educators, health and wellness professionals and researchers to explore aspects of Comprehensive School health. The 2022 conference is in-person at Lake Louise, with options to attend virtually. [Register here.](#)

ACEE Workshops:

- [EcoSchools Canada in Alberta: A Fun, Free Framework for Healthy Students and Healthy Communities](#) (recording available Jan. 20 - Feb. 22, 2022)
- [Educating for the Future: The Role of Youth Engagement & Voice in Creating a Sustainable and Environmentally Healthy Alberta](#) (live in Lake Louise)

## Events for the Classroom

### Mountain Parks Peak Discovery Virtual Education

Join Parks Canada for exciting virtual education programs, live from Jasper, Waterton Lakes, Banff, Kootenay, Glacier and Yoho national parks! Each program shares a unique story and will give you a look behind the scenes with Parks Canada experts. These fun and interactive presentations explore a variety of topics including wildlife conservation, archaeological history, protecting at-risk species and more!

#### **Paddling the Mighty Athabasca River**

*January 12, 2022 11:00 am MST*

Take the plunge with Sanne and immerse yourself in this Canadian Heritage River! Starting at the Columbia Icefield, the Athabasca River winds through rocky gorges, over waterfalls, along sand dunes and meanders through mellow marshlands. It's home to 15 species of fish, 5 amphibians, birds, bears, moose and many other mammals. This river also tells many stirring stories.

This workshop may support your environmental literacy action, or help prepare your class for World Water Day (March 22) and other water-related actions.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

### **City of Calgary Webinars**

Engage your students in the City of Calgary's new Environment Strategy by learning about City goals and existing initiatives from City staff. This webinar series connects to the Science and Social Studies curriculum and will show students solutions for local environmental issues, and what to expect in the future.

#### **Webinar #4: Exploring Environmental Careers Today and into Tomorrow (Grades 7-12)**

*January 24, 1:00 – 2:00 pm MST*

Meet City of Calgary staff with different careers around protecting the environment and growing sustainability practices. Learn about their roles, how they got there, and what their thoughts are for jobs in their field for the future. Earn points towards EcoSchools certification by attending this webinar.

[Register here.](#)

## Winter Walk Day

February 2, 2022 is not JUST for groundhogs! It also marks Winter Walk Day, a time to celebrate traveling actively in our cool Canadian climate. Encouragement days such as this really do open minds to healthy and sustainable transportation options, so [register your school today](#), and work toward your Active and Sustainable School Travel action with the support of Ever Active Schools!

## Create Your Own Event

### Kick Start the New Year with Real-Person Support

The EcoSchools in Alberta Team loves connecting directly with teachers like you to answer your questions and support your school's EcoSchools journey. Schedule a meeting to talk about EcoSchools Canada in Alberta at a time that works for you.

- Calgary, Central or Southern Alberta? Email [susan@abcee.org](mailto:susan@abcee.org) or [book a chat](#).
- Capital Region or Northern Alberta? Email [melanie@abcee.org](mailto:melanie@abcee.org) or [book a chat](#).
- Voulez-vous en savoir plus sur ÉcoÉcoles? Contactez [marie@abcee.org](mailto:marie@abcee.org) ou [cédulez un rendez-vous](#).

### Involve Your Colleagues in EcoSchools: Book Us for Your PD day!

Did you know the EcoSchools Canada in Alberta team is available to deliver PD workshops to your school? Whether you're just getting started, interested in exploring specific EcoSchools themes, or wanting to take your EcoSchools experience to the next level, we've got a workshop for you! Whole-school workshops make for an excellent Staff Professional Development action toward your EcoSchools certification.

For schools in Calgary or the Capital Region, we offer virtual or in-person sessions with funding to help pay for substitute teachers. Virtual sessions can also be arranged for EcoSchools elsewhere in Alberta. Check out our [list of workshop offerings](#) and book us for your next PD day!