

The Soulful Stewardship Method with Erica Wheeler **Professional Development Trainings + In the Classroom/In the Field**

The Soulful Stewardship Method is a structured creative process, which helps students of all ages to bridge academic knowledge with personal experience. This integrative approach empowers creative thinking and illuminates diverse ways to cultivate stewardship behavior.

- Empowers creativity and creative thinking
- Bridges curricula in the sciences and the arts
- Explores the role of the arts in stewardship and science
- Deeply connects people to a sense-of-place and belonging, no matter where they are, or where they are from

*For all levels of experience. Works equally well in an urban or nature setting
Includes a manual and toolkit full of prompts and practices for further exploration.
Can include group song-making demonstration. Customized to work with all ages,
from K-12 through Graduate school. Especially powerful for non-creative types!*

In a nutshell, Erica offers a powerful, proven program to help integrate personal experience with academic knowledge. That integration helps with communicating science and stewardship ideas, and putting those ideas into action.

Participant Evaluations and Accolades

"Thoughtfully executed and designed."

"Thanks for the inspiration! The courage to process in this way---bridging the scientific and logical with the emotional and experiential was so inspiring."

"Surpassed my expectations."

"Enjoyable and welcoming."

"I'm not musical or creative, but I gained some concrete ideas to take back to the classroom to connect kids with nature through art."

"Place-based educator and author David Orr often writes that the ecological crisis is not a technical crisis, but rather a spiritual crisis. Erica's work writing and singing about how people connect to places encourages us to move beyond technical solutions and perspectives, and to re-connect with the natural world in a way that acknowledges nature as a source of something more than a set resources for human use, but as a pathway for understanding and comprehending our life and life experiences."

**Torrey McMillan, Director, Center for Sustainability at Hathaway Brown School,
Shaker Heights, OH**

"With its emphasis on integrating writing, music, and a sense of place, Erica's workshop was incredibly inspiring... [She] gave us all an invaluable opportunity to reflect on our connections to the land, our personal history, and our best selves."

Walter Poleman, Faculty Director, University of Vermont, VT

Field Tested

K- 12

Four Rivers Charter School, Greenfield, MA (7th & 8th Grade)

Journey School, Jackson, WY (K-12)

Hathaway Brown School, Shaker Heights, OH

Sterling Community School, Sterling, CT

Undergraduate & Graduate

Antioch New England Graduate School, NH (Seminar)

Teton Science School, Graduate Program, Kelly, WY (Seminar)

Mount Holyoke College Center for the Environment, MA (Seminar and Lecture)

Washington University, Saint Louis, MO (Sense of Place Orientation Week)

Sterling College, Sterling, VT (Sense of Place Orientation Week)

Professional Development Seminars & Conferences

Everglades National Park, FL (Teacher Training)

EEA, Environmental Educational Alliance of Georgia Annual Conference, GA

MEEES, Massachusetts Environmental Education Society Conference, MA

NEEEA, New England Environmental Education Alliance Conference, RI

Teton Science School, Kelly, WY (Teacher Learning Center)

The Walden Woods Project, (Approaching Walden) Lincoln, MA

In the Field/Outreach and Education Programs

Two Rivers USFWS, Brussels, IL (School Program)

Upper Mississippi National Fish and Wildlife La Crosse, WI (School program)

Erica Wheeler's work with the sense-of-place concept over the last 30 years has included programs across the country, from Yosemite National Park to Walden Pond. She has provided professional development trainings for the National Park Service, The Land Trust Alliance, the Walden Woods Project and more.

Erica an engaging sense-of-place educator, speaker and songwriter who helps create meaningful connections between people and place. Working with educators and students of all ages, her method *is grounded in the philosophy that personal stories of connection, creating caring, which leads to stewardship.*

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Learn more about Erica and the Soulful Stewardship Method at

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**Bring Erica to Inspire Creative Thinking,
Sense of Place Connections & Stewardship**