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## **Non-profits interested in collaborating with Outdoor Education Accelerator teams**

The following is a list of organizations that attended a public session about the RREV Outdoor Learning Pilot Development Accelerator Series. The Department of Education does not endorse any specific organizations. Please [click here](#) for a more comprehensive list of potential partners, developed by the TeachMEOoutside Collaborative. If you do not see your organization listed but feel that you have something to offer, please reach out to [elaine.bartley@maine.gov](mailto:elaine.bartley@maine.gov)

### **Seal Rossignol, Education and Programming Coordinator Center for an Ecology-Based Economy**

[www.ecologybasedeconomy.org](http://www.ecologybasedeconomy.org)

We work with educators by offering professional development on how to transition to outdoor learning. We use a direct programming framework of Model-Coach-Support in which she delivers programming to students (PK-Grade 6) in collaboration with the classroom teacher.

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### **Pauline Dion, Boothbay Sea and Science Center (BSSC)**

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BSSC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to overcome financial barriers and provide equal and affordable access to uniquely integrated experiential marine science, sailing and boating programs for youth K-12. We consider ourselves to be the bridge between June and September.

We are entering our 10th summer and in our 5th year of our in-school *Exploring the Science of Seaweed Farming* program. This program has grown from 3 schools in 2017 to 11 middle-schools and 1 high school this school year. Currently, "school seaweed" is planted on 3 farms - 2 in the Damariscotta River and 1 in Casco Bay.

### **Sarah Gladu, Director of Education and Citizen Science**

[Coastalrivers.org](http://Coastalrivers.org)

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust has as its central mission to connect people and place. We offer a wide variety of outdoor/nature-focused school group programs. And we offer public programs like Midcoast Stewards, Oyster Gardening, the Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center, Camp Mummichog, Ponders gatherings, the LakeSmart program, Archaeology Field School, Mushroom Workshops, Edible Seaweed Courses, Wabanaki Living Skills and Culture, Health of the Damariscotta River, and many more benefit individuals, families, school-aged children, and municipal officials.

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**Alicia Heyburn, Director of Teens to Trails**

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Working statewide with middle and high schools to create outdoor programs such as an Outdoor Club, helping to integrate outdoor activities into PE/Health classes, and school wide outdoor challenges because we know that time outdoors with peers is critical for teenage development, providing essential nourishment, inspiration, and wholeness.

**Andrea Berry, Executive Director: Wild Seed Project**

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The goal of Wild Seed Project is to build awareness of the vital importance of native plants and to provide people with the tools to restore biodiversity in their own communities. We equip community members, public officials and municipalities, and land-holding individuals and organizations – from farmers to land trusts – with the skills and resources they need to collectively repopulate landscapes with native plants that expand wildlife habitat, support biodiversity, and build climate resilience.

**Tom Mullen, Executive Director, Herring Gut Coastal Science Center (formerly known as Herring Gut Learning Center)**

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We are a center devoted to Marine, Aquaculture, and Aquaponic Education for the coast of Maine, but we also are launching an innovative curriculum resource for the watersheds of Maine called Fresh to Salt

**George Gooley (aka Allagash George), Founder & Board President – Passion For Life**

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Passion For Life, 501C3, is focused on exposing more children to the awesome outdoors. We have volunteers in 29 different outdoor passions who share their love of the outdoors with kids who may never get that exposure. We have also built out an ultra-simplified curriculum for INDOOR learning to foster OUTDOOR appreciation. This uniquely Maine curriculum can be easily and seamlessly integrated into the learning curriculum. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more.

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