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THE DREAM

Three years ago, my husband and I had a dream - a dream to bring educators from all over the country together to collaborate in National Parks. Our thought process was that these educators could find renewal and refreshment in living together in some of the most beautiful places in the country for a week. "Connect, Collaborate, and Create" was our mantra. The dream came true in July 2021, when 32 educators from 10 states landed at Acadia National Park to learn about and tackle the invasive green crab challenge. We called it "STEAM in the PARK."

Fast forward to 2022, when the dream once again manifested in 197 educators collaborating at 8 National Parks. Now the dream was in living color. We didn't want to wake up because things were happening. These educators were taking what they learned back to classrooms around the country. Students were engaged and invested in solving problems that the parks faced. Educators were connecting via Facebook and other social media platforms on a daily basis to continue conversations that were started under trees, in canyons, at picnic tables, and beside campfires. The vibe of STEAM in the PARK was real and exploding with possibilities. (cont on page 2)





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And now, we are embarking on year 3. Currently, on Facebook, Zoom, and What's App groups, close to 400 educators are planning their arrival this summer at 12 National Park sites from east to west and north to south. Now, this dream is a full-fledged movement. Community is built and expanding exponentially. The sky is the limit, and the stakes are high.

Can we continue this momentum? Well, let's back up just a little and talk about the dreamers. It's my husband and me, Steve. We started this crazy ride with a dream of what we loved the most - family, friends, education, and the national parks. Just us. As of yet, we have not found a corporate sponsor to help us with the costs. We make sure that the educators only pay for the costs we negotiate for food, lodging, and some supplies. For example, 51 educators will spend 6 days in Hawai'i for \$650. Crazy, right?

We need your help. We are growing our 'team' of dreamers who are daily working beside us to share our passion, build community, and create the experiences that we will have this summer, but we need dreamers who can also help us financially. Is that you? Are you invested in helping us change the world, one educator, one student, and one National Park at a time? If so, please reach out to us at dacia@expeditionsineducation.org.

And take a look at what the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont said about our collaboration. Contact us at dacia@expeditionsineducation.org to learn more about how you can contribute to this cause.

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