



# NCACHE

## North Carolina Appalachian Collaborative for Higher Education

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### Save the Dates

NCACHE is excited to announce four great opportunities available this Spring. We hope you will be able to join us for some or all of these events!

Gravity Games Soapbox Races, 5 April 2014 - the 4th annual event will be held in downtown Lenoir. This event strives to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) with real-life application through construction and competition of a downhill racing event.

**5 April 2014** NC Gravity Games  
Divisions for the NC Gravity Games Soapbox Derby will be: Gravity Only and Open Powered

**9 April 2014** STEM Expo  
Last year more than 1500 middle and high school students joined us for the STEM Expo -- we sure hope you will be able to come to our 2014 event!

STEM Expo, 9 April 2014 - as part of the NC Science Festival Celebration, the 3rd annual STEM Expo will be on the Appalachian State University campus. There will be hands-on activities, information booths, and demonstrations about STEM research and studies.

The Appalachian Higher Education Conference, 10 - 12 June 2014. This national conference will give attendees the opportunity to network with colleagues and share best practices and strategies for increasing the number of students who pursue educational opportunities after graduating from high school.

We will share more information about all of these events as it is available.

**5 May 2014**  
Western NC College Access Summit  
Appalachian State University will be the site for this one day conference featuring guest speakers and workshops focusing on successful college access programing.

The Western NC College Access Summit, 5 May 2014 - This forum will bring together educators from our state to discuss access and success, in postsecondary education, for all NC students.

**10 - 12 June 2014**  
the Appalachian Higher Education Network will host their first national conference in Asheville, NC!

NCACHE is committed to building strategic partnerships to strengthen our local communities through college access and success.

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