

Peak Area Leadership in Science (PALS) 2025-2026

Professional Development Meetings* for Science Teachers

*Meetings are FREE! Reservations (and cancellations) required!***

To make reservations register online at www.sciencehubs.org

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PALS 2025-2026 Semester ONE Schedule

Day, Date/Time	Contact Hours	Title	Speakers / Location
Sat, Aug 16, 2025 7:30 am - 3:15 pm (includes travel time)	5	Wildlife in the Montane Forest	Mueller State Park Anna Miller, Education Coordinator, Mueller State Park Tracy Predmore, Southeast Region Education Coordinator, CPW
Sat, Sept 6, 2025 8:30 am - 2:00 pm	5	Native Plants, Pollinators and Invasives, OH MY!	CSU Extension Office & Native Plant Garden Sue Wright, Volunteer Coordinator and Allisa Zurbuchen, Horticulture Specialist
Sat, Sept 13, 2025 9:30 am - 2:00 pm	4	Birds & You: The Research & Enjoyment of Birds in the Pikes Peak Region	Fountain Creek Nature Center Jessica Miller, Fountain Creek Nature Center Supervisor and Dr. Claire Ramos, Professor of Biology, CSU-Pueblo
Sat, Oct 11, 2025 8:00 am - 3:15 pm CANCELED	5	The Goldfire Project and Forests to Faucets STEM Kit	The Manitou Experimental Forest Steve Alton, Forester; Jeffrey Ravage, Chief Science & Technology Officer, Coalitions & Collaboratives Robin Walters, Master Biology Teacher
Sat, Nov 15, 2025 8:30 am - 2:00 pm	5	What is Mathematical and Computational Thinking, and How do I engage my students in it?	Tim Blesse , Teacher Programs Consultant, Denver Museum of Nature & Science Coronado High School

PALS 2025 – 2026 Semester TWO Workshops

Sat, Jan 24, 2026 8:15 am - 2:00 pm	5	Forensic Chemistry with the USAFA	Dr. Abby Jennings, Dr. Ron Furstenuau, Dr. Andrea Kelley , Chemistry Professors Stacey Lazzelle , Chemistry STEM Outreach Coordinator @ USAFA Chem Department
Sat. Feb 21, 2026 8:30 am - 2:00 pm	5	The Intersection of Climate Change and Culture	Robert Payo Ed Designer III - UCAR Center for Science Education Coronado High School
Thurs, March 12 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm	2.5	Strategic Use of AI with Students	Pat McGuire – UCCS UCCS Cyber Building
Sat, April 18,, 2026 8:30 am - 2:00 pm	5	From Runway to Orbit: Teaching the Science of Flight and Space	UCCS Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Lynnane E. George, PhD, Associate Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Sat, May 2 8:30 am - 2:00 pm	5	The Many Sides of Soil Science	CSU Extension Office & Native Plant Garden Allisa Zurbuchen, Horticulture Specialist
	41.5	2025-2026 Total Contact Hours	

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* The information above is subject to change! See our website www.sciencehubs.org for additional information and updates.

**** NOTE** - Reservations will be accepted on a monthly basis. Sign up for meetings you'd like to attend for a given month and mark your calendar. You may be asked to respond to confirm your reservation, so please monitor your email as each meeting approaches. If you cannot attend, contact Tammy ASAP, as we may have a waiting list and/or may have to pay in advance for your spot.