

Peak Area Leadership in Science (PALS) 2026-2027

Professional Development Meetings* for Science Teachers

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

**To make reservations register online at www.sciencehubs.org
or contact Tammy Johnnie at rsvp@sciencehubs.org or 719-337-1552 (cell)**

PALS 2026-2027 Semester ONE Schedule / Tentative Semester TWO Workshops

Day, Date Time	Contact Hours	Title	Speakers / Location
Sat, Aug 29, 2026 8:00 am - 3:15 pm (includes travel time)	5	Research at the Manitou Experimental Forest, Fantastic Robo-Tree, Coldfire, Lake George Dam Removal Project	The Manitou Experimental Forest Steve Alton, Forester; Jeffrey Ravage, Chief Science & Technology Officer, Coalitions & Collaboratives
Sat, Sept 12, 2026 8:30am – 5:00pm (includes travel time)	5	Science Behind the Scenes at the Denver Botanic Gardens	Denver Botanic Gardens
Thurs., Sept 24, 2026 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	2.5	Engineering in Action Using Tinker CAD - Tour Design Create	Challenger Learning Center
Sat, Oct 10, 2026 8:30 am – 2:00 pm	5	Investigating How Urban Heat Impacts Communities	Robert Payo – Coronado High School
Wed, Oct 14, 2026 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	2.5	Allied Health Opportunities at PPSC	Pikes Peak State College Center for Health Education Simulation (CHES) Faculty
Sat, Nov 14, 2026 8:30 am – 2:00 pm	5	Active Science – Sense-Making with Whiteboards	Tim Blesse , Teacher Programs Consultant, Denver Museum of Nature & Science Coronado High School
Sat, Dec 5, 2026 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	5	Exploring the Future Through Algae	Chris Starmer , D20 Science Teacher
	30	S1 Total Contact Hours	

Tentative Semester TWO Workshops

Sat, Jan 23, 2027 8:15 am - 2:00 pm	5	The Chemistry of Kids' Chemistry Sets	Dr. Abby Jennings, Dr. Ron Furstenu, Dr. Andrea Kelley , Chemistry Professors
Sat, Feb 6, 2027 9:00am - 2:30 pm	5	The Body is a Priceless Teacher	Institute for Anatomical Research Jim Pulciani, BA, CMT, L.Ac , Director
Sat. Mar 13, 2027 8:30am - 2:00pm		TBD	Allisa Zurbuchen , Horticulture Specialist, El Paso County Colorado State University Extension
March 18, 2027	2.5	New Issues in AI for teachers and students	Pat McGuire, UCCS
April TBD	2.5	Data Center - Info and Issues	<i>Colo Springs Utilities</i>
April TBD	5	New additions!	<i>Cheyenne Mountain Zoo</i>
May 1, 2027	4	da Vinci Museum and Steam Center Workshop	<i>Da Vinci Museum, Pueblo</i>

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* The information above is subject to change!

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**** 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.