Field Inquiry in the Virtual Classroom:
Incorporating the outdoors into your remote learning environment

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In this interactive presentation, we will explore ways to engage students in the iterative process of observation and thinking that is essential to inquiry in all disciplines. Using direct observation and field journaling, students are encouraged to explore the natural environment on their home turf and develop testable questions that can be explored through further observation. As access to natural environments varies widely among students, we will also discuss ways to adapt these activities to make them more equitable.

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