

Nature Explore Workshops



The Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation in collaboration with Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department proudly invite you to two Nature Explore workshops devoted to reconnecting children with nature.

**Workshop Location: Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center
220 South Gilbert Street Iowa City, IA 52240**

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Learning with Nature

This interactive workshop emphasizes the need for children to have consistent time outdoors with an interested caring adult. This group discusses common barriers to preschool and elementary children's ability to create positive connections with the natural world and what parents and educators can do to counteract them. Discover engaging and practical hands-on ideas that can be infused throughout all areas of the curriculum to support the nature-child connection. This workshop will also provide a multitude of resource ideas to help you incorporate nature into both outdoor and indoor classrooms.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Choosing Effective Indoor and Outdoor Materials

Some of the most important decisions educators make for preschool and elementary children relate to careful selection of materials and thoughtful planning of indoor and outdoor environments. In this workshop you will learn more about why adults need to manipulate materials personally and understand the properties of materials to best support in-depth, hands-on learning. Various learning theories and how they relate to teaching with a variety of commonly used and inexpensive materials, including materials from nature, will also be explored. Through this workshop, you will benefit from the helpful tools and strategies that Dimensions Educational Research Foundation has developed to assist educators in making these important decisions.



Registration Form
Name
Organization
Street Address
City, State, Zip
Work Phone/Home Phone
Email address

Registration: \$60 each workshop

- Please register me for the Learning with Nature workshop
- Please register me for the Choosing Materials workshop

Deadline: October 29, 2010

Send Registrations to:

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