

Nature-based Workshops for Early Childhood Educators

Summer Workshops

(workshop series also offered in fall 2022 and registration can be found through the link provided)

Week 1- Introducing Nature-based into the preschool classroom (June 15; 6-7:30)

What is nature-based education? What are the benefits, the history? Why introduce nature-based learning into the preschool classroom? Let's answer these questions, understand your own nature relatedness, and learn how to get started introducing nature-based into your classroom.

Week 2- Integrating Nature-based into the preschool classroom (June 22; 6-7:30)

You have a basic idea of the what, where and why of nature-based learning in early childhood education, and are ready to integrate it. Learn how to build a solid framework using developmentally appropriate practice and create a plan to begin!

Week 3- Implementing Nature-based into the preschool classroom (June 29; 6-7:30)

Loose parts, provocations, play-based learning, open-ended art... What they are, their importance in a nature-based setting, how to implement without spending a lot of money, or disrupting your class flow.

Week 4- Risky Play (July 13; 6-7:30)

Nature play involves risky play. This can be an intimidating subject for educators- let's look at risky play and why it's so important developmentally. We will discuss the philosophy behind it and becoming comfortable while establishing new play guidelines to support it.

Week 5- There's no such thing as bad weather! (July 20; 6-7:30)

A big question surrounding nature-based programs.....bad weather. "But you don't go in the rain, right?" Answer these parent questions, become comfortable teaching outside in any weather, understand the benefits, the gear needed to be successful and what to carry in your backpack outside!

Week 6- Child-led curriculum, observations, parent communication, and wrap up (July 27; 6-7:30)

What is child-led curriculum and how to develop? Observe and assess children in nature-based settings and communicate what children are learning to parents. Bring your questions, ideas and thoughts to share as we wrap up this workshop series!

Saturday Program (August 6; 9-12)

Spend the morning at our nature-based preschool and on our nature-play-scape, and see how Fledglings incorporates nature into its' preschool program. Understand the basics of nature-based teaching, curriculum, nature-based and child-led practices, how we teach at our nature based center and how to integrate nature into your existing classroom. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle and a snack. Please dress for the weather!

Sign up link:

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