
Useful links

Forest School Canada ^[1]

Forest School Canada is a national education initiative of the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada, and is striving to become a not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to foster rich learning experiences, ecological literacy, and healthy living by connecting children to nature through the use of the Forest School model in the early, primary, and secondary years.

Green Hearts Institute for Nature in Childhood ^[2]

Green Hearts' mission is to restore and strengthen the bonds between children and nature. We use best practices in child development, environmental education, naturalistic landscaping, and conservation design to help ensure that active nature play and exploration remains a cherished part of childhood. By nurturing children's love for the natural world, Green Hearts lays the cornerstone for life-long conservation values among the citizens and leaders of the future.

Natural Learning Initiative ^[3]

Creating environments for healthy human development and a healthy biosphere for generations to come. The purpose of the Natural Learning Initiative is to promote the importance of the natural environment in the daily experience of all children, through environmental design, action research, education, and dissemination of information. See the **Green Desk** ^[4] to access various resources for childcare providers, administrators, and professionals seeking the latest information to create high quality, healthy outdoor environments for young children

Association of Nature Schools in Sweden ^[5]

Swedish nature schools are founded on the idea of "att lära in ute" -- to learn outdoors. The association is a forum for discussion and development for those working in Sweden's 70 nature schools. The Association believes that enjoyment of nature is the foundation in understanding ecology and the environmental issues. Knowledge about nature starts in nature!

Children & Nature Network ^[6]

The Children & Nature Network (C&NN) was created to encourage and support the people and organizations working to reconnect children with nature. C&NN provides access to the latest news and research in the field and a peer-to-peer network of researchers and individuals, educators and organizations dedicated to children's health and well-being.

Free Play Network ^[7]

The Free Play Network is a British network of individuals and organisations, which aims to promote greater public understanding of the need for better play opportunities for children, by promoting discussion, exchange of information, and guidance on best practice in development of children's play opportunities.

Kinder Nature ^[8]

Story County Iowa Conservation Board

Kinder Nature's goal is to have a website targeting preschool teachers and child care staff, to assist in learning, developing, and implementing a well-balanced environmental education (EE) preschool program. The intent is for childcare providers to have developmentally appropriate programs which incorporate a variety of learning styles while stimulating excitement within the child for learning.

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physical environment ^[9]

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