

Learning with Nature

Creating and Using Outdoor Classrooms

8:30 am to 12:30pm
Friday, May 21, 2010
Kostos Bldg: K-101 & K-106
Penn State Hazleton Campus
Hazleton, Pennsylvania



Experience a Nature Explore Workshop

Connecting today's youth with the natural world helps them learn and grow better.. physically, developmentally, and emotionally. Many studies document the numerous benefits children gain from spending time outdoors exploring and learning about their environment.



Learn how to create and use active outdoor classrooms that use natural objects like trees, logs, soil, water and other natural materials. Outdoor classrooms teach observation skills, visual memory, as well as math, science and literacy concepts.

Dimensions Educational Research Foundation in collaboration with the Arbor Day Foundation has developed a series of workshops for preschool and elementary educators, and helps design outdoor classrooms based on research conducted at the Foundation's Arbor Day Farm Tree Adventure and their own Early Childhood Education Center. Visit www.arborday.org/explore/ for more information.

Who Should Attend this Half Day Workshop? - Pre-School and Elementary Teachers, Day Care Providers, Naturalists, Landscape Architects/Designers, Environmentalists, Parks & Recreation Directors, Parents, and School/Daycare Administrators.

Program Fee: a \$15/person fee will cover materials and refreshments for the workshop. The first 10 organizations/schools to register will receive a **FREE** copy of "Learning with Nature Idea Book" (a \$20 value). **Registration Deadline is May 10, 2010.**

Please send a list of attendees names, contact information, and check (payable to Luzerne County Cooperative Extension) to:

**Learning with Nature
Penn State Cooperative Extension
16 Luzerne Avenue, Suite 200
West Pittston, PA 18643**

**For More Information Contact
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(570) 825-1701 or vjc1@psu.edu**

* Act 48 credits have been requested for this program and will be offered to educators.

Directions to Penn State Hazleton Campus - Take I-80 to I-81 interchange (exit 260A) and take I-81 South to West Hazleton Exit (#145). Bear right off the exit onto Route 93 south and proceed for 1/4 mile. Turn left into the campus. <http://www.hn.psu.edu/Information/directions.htm>

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