

Exploring a Sense of Place in Nature

*Nature-based collaborative
Early Childhood conference*

Presented by

*Live & Learn Early Learning
Center
and
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical
Center Child Care Center*

*with contributions from
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*Saturday September 25,
2010*

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*Saturday September 25, 2010
Live and Learn Early Learning
Center - Lee, NH
7:30 am - 4:00 pm*

*Spend a full day exploring nature based
education in action
Avoid nature deficit disorder*

Schedule of the Day

- 7:30-8:15 Registration/Pick up name badge
Join us for breakfast and wander through our center and see how we bring the outdoors inside*
- 8:15-8:45 Opening remarks
Lori Harris and Johanna Booth Miner
What can you expect? Resource list*
- 9:00 - 12:00 Morning sessions
10:30 Morning snack made by the cooking workshop*
- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch*
- 12:45 - 3:45 Afternoon Sessions
2:30 Afternoon snack made by the cooking workshop*
- 3:45 - 4:00 Closing session with evaluations and certificates*

*See you next year on September 24, 2011 at
DHMC Child Care Center in Lebanon, NH
Save the date!*

A.M. Workshop Choices 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A1 Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood with NH Project Learning Tree

Project Learning Tree's new Early Childhood Guide integrates nature-based exploration, art, literature, math, music and movement, and outdoor play into ECE programs. The guide contains 11 activities that incorporate music and movement using an accompanying CD. The guide encourages children to explore, discover, and communicate in expressive ways and provides an introduction to environmental education for this critical age.

Presented by Erin Hollingsworth and Anjali Longren from NH Project Learning Tree

A2 You can't bounce off the walls if there aren't any!

Children need a sense of place and adult to keep the sense of wonder alive. Come be that adult. Build fairy houses, explore a river, catch bugs and let your imagination go. Join Live and Learn staff in exploring the unique opportunities available outside for preschool aged children. Learn how to build all areas of curriculum into a nature based classroom setting. If you ever wanted to figure out how to stay outside all day this is the workshop for you!

Presented by Gerry, JoAnna and Johanna from Live & Learn

During your lunch break.....

Enjoy the homemade, natural foods

Take your lunch outside or wander around inside

Check out our tables of resources!

A3 Growing up Wild

This workshop will give you new activities designed to stimulate young children in new and exciting ways while connecting them to nature and many of its wonders. Growing Up WILD is a national early childhood initiative that builds literacy skills and environmental appreciation among early learners through participation in engaging wildlife-based educational activities. Presented by Michelle and Meggie from Live & Learn

A4 Water runs downhill ,children run up AND Music without walls, discovery without limits

The river - water runs down hill children run up and when they get together it's discovery on a huge scale. Curriculum just spills on the ground when you mix child, water, sand, stone and wood in an outdoor classroom. Then climb out of the box at the Junkyard band and discover the magic of music without boundaries. The outdoor music area will push your creative thinking to develop inexpensive areas full of inspiration. Discuss the construction and goals of these areas and how both DHMCCC and LLELC use and create curriculum there.

Presented by Dave from Live and Learn

A5 Gardening with children under 5 years old

This workshop will explore teachers' roles in exposing young children to where their food comes from. This includes infants and toddlers! It will give teachers hands on experience in planning theme gardens, bringing seed starting materials into the classroom, gardening outside, planting seeds, and documenting for accreditation.

Presented by Sam and staff from DHMC

P.M. Workshops 1 - 4 p.m.

P6 Cooking with young children am and pm sessions

AM Cooking with cucuzza squash - what?? And other culinary delights that come from whole foods. This will be our morning snack.

PM. Explore cooking with foods right out of the garden. Try your hand at a cider press, making pesto and humus. This will provide afternoon snack. Presented by Tina, Alicia, Meggie, JoAnna and staff from both centers

P7 Helping Children to Become Careful Observers of the Natural World

Using simple activities and explorations in the natural world we will explore how to get children to slow down and carefully observe the world around them. Techniques that engage children's senses and require them to look, listen and touch carefully and with purpose will be included. Tweaking activities for different age groups and settings will be included.

Presented by Amy VanderKooi, Science Educator/Program Manager from the Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich, VT

P8 Build Cohesive Community Naturally :School age children and outdoors

A hands on, body moving, feet stomping, no time to sit experience to keep K-8th graders engaged in your program and nature. This workshop will provide educators with activities and philosophies to promote a safe and respectful environment during the full days of summer or Afterschool hours.

Presented by Pete, Liz and Liz from Live & Learn

P9 Making the change in your space

DHMC Child Care Center started out with swings and slides and a circular track for ride on toys. We have evolved to our natural space for infants and toddlers and preschool children a little bit at a time. Come find out how we made this philosophical switch, worked with skeptical parents and staff and continue to work on it every year.

Presented by Richie, and Sam from DHMC Child Care Center

P10 A day in the Life of an Outdoor Toddler

Come be a Toddler for the day (can you keep up?☺)! Do awesome outdoor activities, including art outside. Learn to identify simple trees, visit animals and play in the woods. Don't forget your walking shoes, sunscreen and bug spray. You will go home with tons of ideas!

Presented by Missy, Darci, Stephanie and Jennifer toddler teachers from Live and Learn

P11 Don't have a big space? Surrounded by pavement? Explore the possibilities with whatever you have

This workshop is for programs that don't have a lot of natural space and are trying to think of ways to incorporate nature. Come and learn about what other programs have done and brainstorm with others what you can do too!

Presented by Lori from DHMC

Registration form - SEND TO:
Exploring a Sense of Place in Nature
DHMC Child Care Center
One Medical Center Drive
Lebanon, NH 03756

Saturday September 25, 2010
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Or you can Register online at www.live-learn.org

Name _____ Organization _____

Address (home) (work) circle one _____

City/town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Confirmations will only be available via email.

Dress for the weather this event is outdoors rain or shine

Please indicate your choices in order 1, 2, and 3. We will do our best with your first choice.

AM Sessions (A1-A5)

PM Sessions (P6-P11)

First choice _____

Second choice _____

Third choice _____

payment information

NHAEYC (or other NAEYC affiliate) member

\$95

\$5 discount each for 3 or more

\$7 discount each for 5 or more

Non member

\$145

Total enclosed _____

Method of payment

Check _____ Credit Card: Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Discover _____

Card Number _____ Expiration date _____ CVN _____

Name on card _____ Signature: _____