

Outdoor Play: Connecting with Nature, Community and Curriculum ~ Summer Institute

**PRESENTED BY****Christina Pickles****SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
August 20, 2018	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
August 21, 2018	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**LOCATION****Connect Charter School - 5915 Lewis Drive
SW****FEE****\$100.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:**crc.info@aplc.ca[403-291-0967](tel:403-291-0967)**REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:**crcpd.ab.ca

Learning Opportunity

TARGET AUDIENCE: K-3 TEACHERS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS WORKING IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, CHILDCARE CENTRES AND PRESCHOOLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Outdoor play is an essential part of childhood, it connects children with the natural world, allows for more physical movement, contributes to a sense of place and opens up opportunities for inquiry and emergent curriculum. Our role as educators in outdoor play is to provide an environment that opens up play opportunities for children that trigger their curiosity and support their learning.

In this two day Summer Institute, you will...

- Explore the research that supports outdoor play
- Consider the various frameworks you can use to ensure outdoor play experiences are engaging, complete environments for children
- Directly experience loose parts, nature play and risky play
- Think through the opportunities within the schoolyard and nearby nature
- Tie outdoor play directly to curriculum and student competencies
- Plan how to incorporate outdoor play experiences into your teaching

This learning opportunity is being offered through curriculum implementation funding from Alberta Education.

Presenters

Christina Pickles

has been an environmental educator for 20 years and has worked in wetlands, badlands, forests and streams with students of all ages. For the last 5 years she has lead the Get Outside and Play Early Childhood Network in Alberta. She lives in Calgary minutes from the Bow River with her family.

Registration Notes

Nature Ideas booklets will be available for purchase for \$25. It is a guidebook full of ideas for outdoor play curiosity triggers.

Note: This is not essential to the program but a supplement.



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