

Outdoor Teacher Retreat, Saturday, November 11, 2017

Painted Oak Nature School, Hopewell, NJ

SCHEDULE

time	activity	details
8-9 a.m.	Registration and breakfast	<i>Remember your canteen!</i>
9-9:15 a.m.	Opening Gathering Painted Oak Nature School	<i>Why is nature-based learning essential? What draws us all here today?</i>
9:15-10:15 a.m.	(A) Stick Play 101 Painted Oak Nature School	<i>Used for art, building, dramatic props, or counting, discover how sticks enhance connection with nature</i>
	(B) Forest Games Riverside Rhymes Nature Play School	<i>Inspired by the Coyote's Guide to Mentoring, get ready for outdoor play</i>
10:15-11:15 a.m.	(A) Stick Play 101 Painted Oak Nature School	<i>(Above)</i>
	(B) Forest Games Riverside Rhymes Nature Play School	<i>(Above)</i>
11:15-12:15 p.m.	(A) Aligning Playful Outdoor Learning Experiences with Curricular Standards A Child's Place School	<i>Session highlights an engaging, long-term collaborative project that links curriculum standards to self-initiated outdoor play</i>
	(B) Creating Connection and Community South Mountain Nature School	<i>Explore how empowering language builds kindness and strong connections with young children</i>
12:15-1 p.m.	Lunch with Open House Tour	<i>Visit the Painted Oak Nature School learning environment during casual lunch</i>
1-1:30 p.m.	Teacher's Tea Tasting	<i>Relax and enjoy your tea after lunch. Let the tea expert treat you to a few new flavors as we network. You might even be inspired to make your own tea on the trail with the kids!</i>
1:30-2:30 p.m.	(A) Let's Get Messy! Child-led Outdoor Exploration Forest School for All	<i>Creative prompts, children's books, and child-led exploration inspires us to get our hands dirty</i>
	(B) Transforming Outdoor Spaces A Child's Place School	<i>Follow the journey of three teachers who transformed an outdoor space into a meaningful space, full of nature-based learning opportunities</i>
2:30-3:30 p.m.	(A) Let's Get Messy!	<i>(Above)</i>
	(B) Nature Sculpture Painted Oak Nature School	<i>Create outdoor sculpture with durable natural elements</i>
3:30-4:15 p.m.	Jam Session: Sharing Music Around the Campfire	<i>Attendees are encouraged to "carry a song in their pocket" or bring an instrument for this informal sing-along. Learn from each other!</i>
4:15-4:30 p.m.	Closing Gathering	<i>Gratitude, survey, and training certificates</i>

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