



Opportunity Through Education



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An Outdoor Learning Initiative

What is Outdoor Learning?

Outdoor Learning is a broad term that includes: outdoor play in the early years, school grounds projects, environmental education, recreational and adventure activities, personal and social development programmes, expeditions, team building, leadership training, management development, education for sustainability, adventure therapy ... and more.



All Forms of Outdoor Learning

Value Direct Experience

Outdoor Learning can provide a dramatic contrast to the indoor classroom. Direct experience outdoors is more motivating and has more impact and credibility.

Through skilled teaching, interpretation or facilitation, outdoor experiences readily become a stimulating source of fascination, personal growth and breakthroughs in learning.



Outdoor Learning is Active Learning in the Outdoors

In Outdoor Learning participants learn through what they do, through what they encounter and through what they discover. Participants learn about the outdoors, themselves and each other, while also learning outdoor skills. Active learning readily develops the learning skills of enquiry, experiment, feedback, reflection, review and cooperative learning.



Outdoor Learning is Real Learning

Not only does Outdoor Learning happen in the natural environments where participants can see, hear, touch and smell the real thing, it also happens in an arena where actions have real results and consequences.

Outdoor Learning can help to bring many school subjects alive while also providing experiential opportunities for fulfilling the Early Learning Standards.



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Outdoor Learning Broadens Horizons & Stimulates New Interests

There is no limit to the experiences and curiosities that outdoor environments and activities can arouse. Participants frequently discover potential, abilities and interests that surprise themselves and others. Safety codes provide clear boundaries and learning goals give clear direction, but Outdoor Learning draws in energy and inspiration from all around. 'Broadening horizons' is a common outcome.

Outdoor Learning is Simple

There are no materials necessary to make outdoor learning work. Just take your class outside for whatever it is you have planned that day. It's that simple!

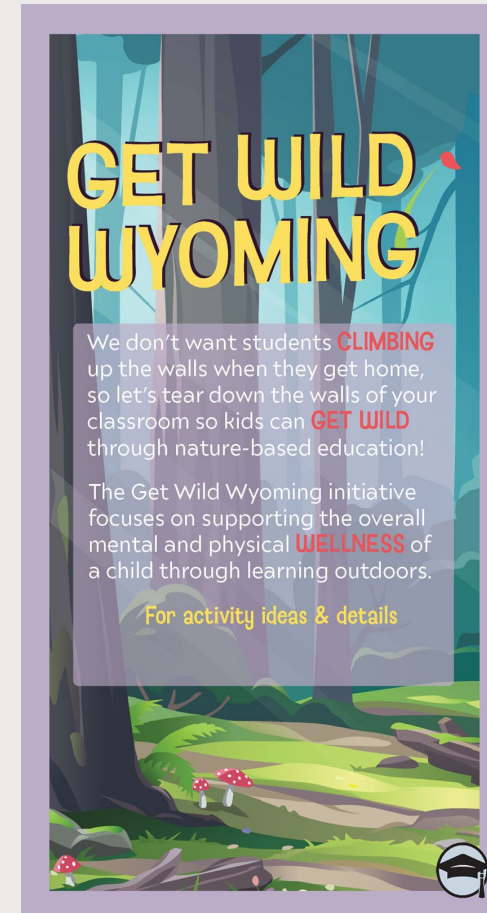
Outdoor education and play support emotional, behavioral and intellectual development. Studies have shown that students who learn outdoors develop: a sense of self, independence, confidence, creativity, decision-making and problem-solving skills, empathy towards others, motor skills, self-discipline and initiative.



How Can I Implement Outdoor Learning in My Class?

Agree to take additional time outside each week. Individual outdoor learning plans are created depending on your needs.

Work closely with Amy to design a plan that works for you.



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