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NORTHEAST CHAPTER
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Nebraska Association for the
Education of Young Children

Nature Explore Workshops

Sponsored by Nebraska Early Learning Connection

*Attend Nature
Explore Workshops
and help the children
in your life reconnect
with nature.*

Workshop Location

**Elkhorn Valley Museum
515 Queen City Blvd.
Norfolk, NE 68701**

Workshop Schedule

FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2018

Using Your Outdoor Classroom 9 a.m.–Noon

1. Children benefit from using nature as an integral part of daily learning.
2. Well-designed outdoor spaces provide an ideal setting for many learning experiences.
3. Learning experiences that take place in the natural world can support all children's interests and needs and strengthen skill-development in all academic areas.

Lunch provided!

Developing Observation Skills 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

1. Natural outdoor classrooms are ideal venues for children's visual spatial work, an area of learning that is often overlooked.
2. Adults need to closely observe and record children's visual-spatial work to understand children's learning.
3. To most effectively describe and understand visual-spatial work, adults need to use a visual tool (visual notes). This tool also strengthens the adult's visual spatial thinking.

FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2018 (EVENING)- SPRING FLING BEGINS Snow Date: Friday, June 1, 6:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Registration and light meal (provided) 5:30-6:00 p.m.

The Arts and Nature 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

1. Interaction with the natural world helps to inspire creative thinking and supports cognitive, perceptual, emotional and imaginative development.
2. Artistic experiences can help children make sense of their environment and provide a format to express their interpretations of the world around them.
3. The Look-Move-Build-Sketch planning tool can be used to support and strengthen visual-spatial thinking and all other modes of learning.
4. Natural elements can be the focal point viewed as a work of art, can be the materials used in an art process, and can be represented through art experiences in a variety of ways.

SATURDAY APRIL 14, 2018 Snow Date: Saturday, June 2, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wonder-Filled Beginnings 9 a.m.–Noon

1. Infants and toddlers learn through rich, open-ended sensory experiences.
2. Interactions with natural materials support whole-child learning.
3. Careful observations, reflection and planning create beneficial learning experiences in nature for this age group.

Registration Fees:

Friday 9 am-3:30 pm only --\$40
Friday evening and Saturday morning --\$40
All four workshops --\$80

Deadline: April 6, 2018

Register Online at:

natureexplore.org/workshops/educator-workshops/

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