EVERGREEN

PLAY AND LEARNING OUTDOORS IN WINTER

Two Upcoming Workshops for Elementary Teachers and Early Childhood Educators



Experience a professional learning opportunity designed for educators who are interested in learning how (and why!) they can incorporate nature-based learning into their winter practice. Evergreen facilitators will engage participants in a creative sampling of activities and inquiry-based approaches in our imaginative outdoor play and learning environment, and will integrate practical natural learning connections to the current Ontario Curriculum.

Dates: Thursday, January 26, 2017 Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost: \$70 (+HST) including lunch **Location:** Evergreen Brick Works

Registration: https://evergreen.campbrainregistration.com/ (Note: this is the same workshop being delivered on different days)

What are the key elements of our approach?

- Place-based: building a foundation of knowledge through a focus on local nature, culture and community
- Play-based: supporting children's developmental needs and supporting their cognitive, physical and emotional responses to the world around them
- Ecological: providing children direct contact with nature
- Hands-on: creating a compelling learning setting through multisensory, direct experience
- Arts infused: breathing life into learning through creativity, compelling narratives and arts activities
- Integrated: weaving together expectations from across the curriculum through ecological themes and engaging experiences

Participants will receive:

- An individually curated pre-workshop resource selection.
- The Evergreen resource *Outdoor Play and Learning in Early Childhood Settings*, which includes an overview of the benefits and pedagogical approaches of outdoor learning and a sampling of activities.
- Outdoor Play and Learning Certificate

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