

Advancing Outdoor Play with Beverlie Dietze

Registration Fee:

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Registration Deadline:

April 1, 2019

Course Code:

NR.CUR19.001FFS

Date(s):

Apr 08, 2019 - Apr 09, 2019

Session Location:

Bonanza, Rycroft , Spirit River, AB

About the Session:

Monday April 8th Bonanza - Parent Session

Risky play – Adventure Play- Rough and Tumble Play – What the terms mean and why children need these play opportunities.

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Please note that this is an evening session. Time is from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Tuesday April 9th - Rycroft- Educator Session

Viewing Outdoor Environments as a Canvas for Sparking Children's Sense of Wonderment and Adventure

Outdoor and nature can be a blank canvas for children's sense of wonderment, curiosity and learning. Many factors including space, place, roles and attitudes of adults within the space, and the time allocated to the outdoor environments influence children's connections to play, nature and learning. Risk benefit assessment strategies will be introduced in relation to advancing children's adventurous, challenging and even risky play. This interactive workshop will discuss current research and practices that benefit adults viewing outdoor environments as a blank canvas for supporting children's cycle of curiosity and sense of inquiry.

Please note: There will be some outdoor play experiences. Dress to play!

Please note that this is a full day session. Time is from 8:30am - 3:30pm.

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Dr. Beverlie Dietze is the Director of Learning and Applied Research at Okanagan College. She is the lead researcher for a variety of national and a local research projects that is examine strategies to advance children's outdoor play through training and space design and leadership for many sectors. She is the author of five textbooks related to play and children's programming and has several peer-reviewed articles published on early childhood and adult education topics. Her latest book co-authored with Dr. Diane Kashin is Outdoor and Nature Play in Early Childhood Education.

Photography Release:

This is a public event with the likeliness of photo/video throughout the day. By attending, participants understand they may be captured in photo or video for future presentations or promotional material development. Please see conference hosts if you prefer to not be photographed.

Registration Notes:

Any staff employed in preschool or kindergarten programs in schools in the Central Peace region (Eaglesham, Rycroft, Woking, Spirit River Regional Academy, St. Marie's RC School, Savanna School, Bonanza School, Colony or Mennonite Schools) can apply for a substitute teacher subsidy of \$100 to facilitate attendance and participation in this learning opportunity.

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