

# Nature Explore Workshops



The Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation in collaboration with Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec proudly invite you to two Nature Explore workshops devoted to reconnecting children with nature.



**Workshop Location: Reedy Creek Nature Center  
2900 Rocky River Road Charlotte, NC 28215**



## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**Friday, May 21, 2010**

### **9:00 am – 12:00 noon Learning with Nature**

This interactive workshop emphasizes the need for children to have consistent time outdoors with an interested caring adult. This group discusses common barriers to preschool and elementary children's ability to create positive connections with the natural world and what parents and educators can do to counteract them. Discover engaging and practical hands-on ideas that can be infused throughout all areas of the curriculum to support the nature-child connection. This workshop will also provide a multitude of resource ideas to help you incorporate nature into both outdoor and indoor classrooms.

### **12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch provided**

### **1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Using Your Outdoor Classroom**

Through fun and engaging hands-on experiences, participants will gain techniques for using outdoor classrooms as an integral part of preschool and elementary children's daily learning. Discover how well-designed outdoor spaces facilitate children's overall development in traditional academic areas, strengthen specific skills, and aid social-emotional growth. Explore a variety of motivating strategies for facilitating and assessing student learning in outdoor classrooms, and reaching a variety of interests and needs.

Registration Form
Name
Organization
Street Address
City, State, Zip
Work Phone/Home Phone
Email address

**Registration:** \$65  
**Deadline:** May 12, 2010

**Send Registrations to:**  
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