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WE MUST STOP LOOKING AT CONTACT WITH NATURE AS A PROBLEM TO FIX AND START LOOKING AT CONTACT WITH NATURE AS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WE MUST SOLVE

A MOVEMENT TO INSPIRE A LOVE FOR NATURE

RECENT DECADES HAVE SEEN SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS FOR CONSERVATION, YET ACTIONS TO CONSERVE NATURE REMAIN OUTPACED BY THE LEVEL OF THREATS TO IT. ONE REASON FOR THIS IS HUMANITY'S INCREASING DISCONNCETION FROM NATURE - FROM CHILDREN WITH LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITH NATURE TO A SOCIETY THAT IS TOO BUSY OR LACKS FREE TIME TO SPEND IN NATURE.

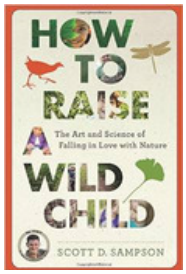
PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATURAL WORLD PROVIDE POWERFUL BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND RESILENCE. PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY OCCUR AT AN EARLY AGE, EXPERIENCES IN NATURE ARE ALSO THE FOUNDATION OF LIFELONG SUPPORT FOR NATURE CONSERVATION.

AT NATURE EXPLORERS WE WANT TO RAISE AWARNESS AND MOTIVATES FAMILIES AND PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE NATURE AND ITS VALUES.
WE WANT TO FACILITATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR EXPLORERS TO EXPERIENCE AND CONNECT WITH NATURE AT A DEEPER LEVEL. WE WANT TO CREATE TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENTS THAT BECOME PATHWAYS TO LIFELONG PERSONAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMITMENTS TO CONSERVATION ACTION.

AT NATURE EXPLORERS WE ACHIEVE THIESE BY TELLING STORIES, BUILDING FIRES, MAKING INSTRUMENTS, BUILDING SHELTERS, USING TOOLS, ROAM AND EXPLORING , CREATING MAPS AND MUCH MORE!

THE EDUCATORS ARE 'CO-CONSPIRATORS" IN PLAY. THEY IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN CHILDREN'S PLAY WORLDS, DEEPENING LEARNING THROUGH A PROCESS OF INQUIRY. EDUCATORS WORK ON BUILDING TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS, SUPPORTING OPEN COMMUNICATION AND PROVIDING LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEER LEARNING.

Armchair Explorer



How to Raise a Wild child

In a time when the connection between humans and the rest of nature is most vulnerable, Scott offers parents and teachers a book of encouragement and knowledge, and to children, the priceless gift of wonder.

Useful App

WilderQuest

WilderQuest Learning, developed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), provides a valuable and free digital classroom resource exploring rich, authentic Australian environments. WilderQuest Learning gives you the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills through games and activities using interactive digital technology and inspire an interest in the living world and natural environments.

HAPPY

NURTURING NATURE PLAY: TEN TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Start with just getting kids into a patch of real nature where they are free to roam. Then the adult's role is to be a gentle facilitator who unobtrusively watches over the play, without directing it. Let the children lead; give them the freedom to follow their own interests, discoveries, and delights as they explore nature. These simple tips may help you along.

Travel down memory lane — Apply the "test of remembered childhoods." Use your own good memories of nature play to guide the experiences you'd like today's children to enjoy.

Plan on no plan — Forget structured activity plans and your adult expectations. Get the kids to a rich natural area and let them decide what to do, where to explore, and how to play.

Embrace flex time — Stay off the clock as much as possible; let the kids' discoveries and active engagement determine the schedule. Watch their play, not your watch.

Small is beautiful — Nature play works great with very young children, too – and they only need small bits of nature! Even crawling babies can delight in the smells and textures of a little herb garden.

Wash, rinse, repeat — Frequent nature play is what best builds kids' lasting bonds with the natural world. Make nature a favorite friend for them to play with, time and time again!

There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing — Play outside in all safe weather conditions. Why not play in the rain,

No naturalist needed! — You don't need to be a nature expert. If your child finds something they're interested in, use books or the internet to foster the learning process.

Nature Explorers is super excited to announce the commencement of:
Nature Explorers WorldWide!!!

This program is offered to children of the wider community, who are do not currently attend Pottsville Preschool.

The Educating Team recognised the need for children to engage in nature, and that there were families within the local community that were super keen to have their children involved in the Nature Explorers program.

Recognising the gap, the team worked collaboratively to ensure that the program became available to these families and children:

Nature Explorers WorldWide
was born

NEWW currently operates on a Wednesday - due to the popularity of the program, the communities interest, and the teams commitment to ensure that children have access to a high quality, cutting edge, nature school and program, we will look to expanding to another day in the near future.