



Blueberry Creek Forest and Nature Centre : A Forest Kindergarten Program

This program will be offered once a week on Tuesdays, starting in September 2023 through to June 2024. This year long experience will be in relation to the artist's work, Sophie Anne Edwards, from Manitoulin Island. Sophie has created a framework for Relational Approaches to Land-Based Learning that is localized and honours Indigenous ways of knowing. We seek, as educators, to offer spaces of learning that see new ways forward to live in this world, we will explore these topics.

Place-making/Land Connections

Being Human/The More-than-human

Process/The subtle and the non-visual

Interconnections/Complexity

Making through listening

Stories/Community

Access/Stewardship

The children will have time to explore, ask questions, and be listened to, in a deep thoughtful way, in order for us to create curriculum together with nature, and their world along with their two educators.

Educational documentation of our learning, will be created and shared with learning partners, with parents, and with the children themselves, our colleagues, and community members to enrich all of our learning about the world around us.

In order to move into a deeper learning project, we propose to work with 12 children over a *year long experience* in small groups to work in September 2023 through to June 2024.

This program is created for children ages 3 years and 8 months to 6 years as of September 1, 2023. The program will support the pedagogical approaches of Reggio Emilia and Relational Approaches to Land-Based Learning.

Please sign up for all three terms for the year long project.

Program Dates and Fees: \$50 per day

Session One: Tuesday September 12-Tuesday December 12, 2023 9am-3pm (14 weeks)

Session Two: Tuesday January 9, 2024-March 19, 2024 9am-3pm (11 weeks)

Session Three: Tuesday April 2-June 11, 2024 9am-3pm (11 weeks)

Register by emailing blueberrycreekforestschoo@gmail.com