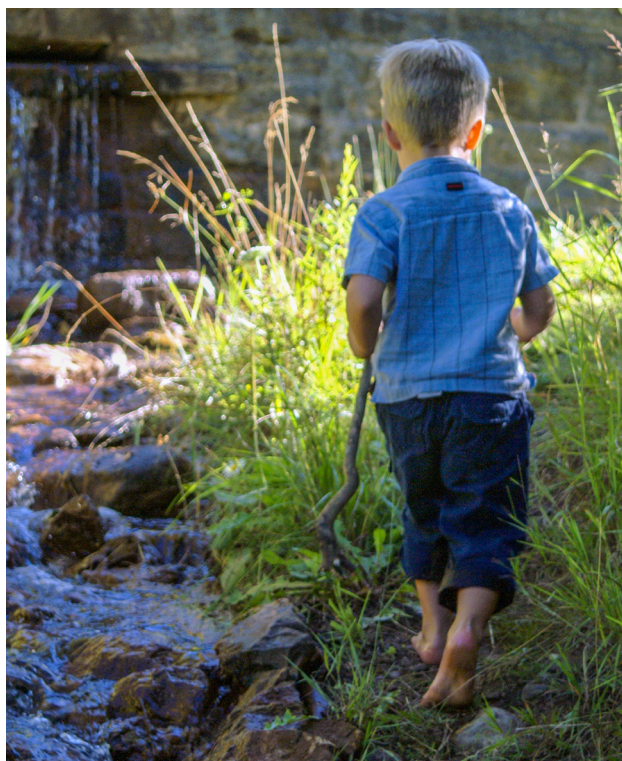


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## 2018 In Bloom Conferences

### Promising Practices in Nature-based Early Childhood Education

#### In Bloom in Asheville Saturday, April 7, 2018

Rainbow Community School, Asheville, North Carolina

##### Keynote Speakers:

David Sobel, Senior Faculty,  
Antioch University New England, Keene, NH  
and  
Rachel Larimore, Founder,  
Chippewa Nature Preschool, Midland, MI

##### Workshop topics will include:

- ❖ Mindfulness as Playfulness
- ❖ Awakening a Deep Nature Connection
- ❖ Wee Naturalists: Growing an Early Childhood Program
- ❖ The Importance of Play in Natural Landscapes
- ❖ STEM Outdoors
- ❖ Sense and Savor
- ❖ Forest Kindergartens in Korea

#### In Bloom in Maine Saturday, April 21, 2018

Eyes of the World Discovery Center,  
Kittery Community Center, Kittery, Maine

##### Keynote Speakers:

Anne Stires, Founder, Lead Teacher, Juniper Hill School  
for Place-based Education, Alna Maine  
and  
Susan Dreyer Leon, Chair, Department of Education,  
Antioch University New England, Keene, NH

##### Workshop topics will include:

- ❖ Garden-based Learning
- ❖ Clothing and Storage Systems for Outdoors Explorations
- ❖ The Forest is Your Classroom
- ❖ Literacy in the Natural World
- ❖ Plant Foraging for Teachers of Young Children
- ❖ Sense and Savor
- ❖ Toddlers in the Outdoors
- ❖ Nature Yoga
- ❖ City Life Nature Kids

#### In Bloom in Vermont Saturday, May 19, 2018

The Academy School, Brattleboro, Vermont

##### Keynote Speakers:

Amy Butler, Education Director,  
North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, Vermont  
and  
Martin Besford, Head of Highway Farm Activity Center  
Redruth, Cornwall, UK

##### Workshop topics will include:

- ❖ Mapping and Spatial Thinking in Early Childhood
- ❖ Complying with Childcare Regulations in an Outdoor Setting
- ❖ Literacy and Math Activities in the Forest
- ❖ Nature Preschool in a Public School Setting
- ❖ Exploring Light and Shadow
- ❖ Forest Days in Public Kindergartens

##### Special Treat:

At each of the In Bloom conferences,  
and at In Mud as well, we'll be showing the  
new movie: **The Best Day Ever: Forest Days in  
Vermont Kindergartens**. Filmed in public school  
kindergartens in Hartland and Norwich, Vermont  
this movie illustrates the benefits of one day each  
week spent outside, year round, with Kindergarten  
children. This grassroots movement has spread  
to more than two dozen public schools in  
Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut.

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#### In Mud in Wyoming Saturday, April 28, 2018

Co-Sponsored with the Teton Science School, Jackson, Wyoming

##### Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Deb Carter, Boise State University, Boise, ID  
David Sobel, Senior Faculty, Antioch University New England, Keene, NH  
Join faculty from the Pre-Kindergarten programs at the Teton Valley Community  
School and Journeys School to learn more about their nature-based and Reggio  
Emilia-inspired programs. Participants will spend part of the day at nearby  
Rendezvous Park taking part in nature-based experiences and discussing  
facilitation and documentation of those experiences with children.

For more information, contact Peg Smeltz, call 603-283-2301, or email [msmeltz@antioch.edu](mailto:msmeltz@antioch.edu). Registration for Asheville and Maine will open in January at [www.antioch.edu/new-england/inbloom](http://www.antioch.edu/new-england/inbloom)