



Mark your calendar!

2018 In Bloom Conferences

Promising Practices in Nature-based Early Childhood Education

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NEW ENGLAND

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

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.

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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January at www.antioch.edu/new-england/inbloom