

## AGENDA

### How to Engage With Children in Nature

#### Leader Training Objectives

1. Understand the basic practices & values of engaging with children in nature using Nature Detectives Orientation Guide and website resources.
2. Be prepared to lead and understand the role of a nature leader
3. Practice selected activities as a group.

#### I Mission & Core Practices

- ✓ Mission statement
- ✓ Practices
  - Inquiry based learning
  - Loosely structured activities
  - Kids take responsibility for their own learning
  - Playful learning increases skills
- ✓ Nature Detectives can become a lifestyle practice
  - Follows their own interests
  - More engaged they are, the more they discover
  - Sharing with others reinforces the experience
  - Forges a meaningful connection to the outdoor world
- ✓ Skill building
  - Naturalist skills (see sample)
  - Observation skills / sensory awareness
  - Team building, risk taking and problem solving
- ✓ Essential Supplies

#### II. Need and benefits of nature connection

#### III. Alignment with Content Standards

- Math, Science, Literacy, the Arts

#### IV. Qualities of Nature leader

- Guides not teachers
- Kids learn by discovery – responsible for their own learning
- Leaders describe the activity
- Ask questions

#### V. Hands on Activity or Activities