NO Child Left Inside CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 31; 9 AM – 4 PM
@ J.C. PENNEY CONFERENCE CENTER, UMSL

"Growing Up Denatured: It's time for kids to go back outside."

Concerns about long-term consequences of changes in how our children are spending their free time have spawned a national movement to 'leave no child inside.' Time outdoors, especially unstructured time in natural settings, can reduce children's stress, increase their curiosity and creativity, improve their physical coordination, and increase cooperative behavior and problem-solving.

WHO?

Educators
(PreK-3 and informal)
Youth Leaders
Volunteers & Parents

Conference Features:

Keynote by Sherri Griffin, Professor of Early Childhood Education, Central Methodist University
Author of MDC's Conservation Seeds and See How The Turkey Grows curriculum
"Childhood Nature Experiences"

Curt Carter, Environmental Musician/Educator
"Connecting Kids through Music, Stories and Experiences"

Attend SESSIONS ON:

- Benefits of nature play (physical, social and emotional)
- Best practices in outdoor explorations
- Making curriculum connections
- Local resources to support you and your kids

(0.6) Continuing education units awarded to conference attendees.

$39 **Registration fee** (includes box lunch)

Visit the LOO

(Local Outdoor Opportunities)

Sunday, April 1: optional post conference afternoon field trips

Visit outdoor areas to meet with staff familiar with design principles and the practical side of site utilization. Participants can visit select early childhood or public sites on their own or register to travel by UMSL van for a more formal visit and presentation (noon – 4 p.m.). Separate registration ($20) required if you choose the second option.

For more information or to register call Jim Jordan, Sr. Coordinator of Continuing Education, UMSL at (314) 516-7250.
umslce.org/index.php/catalog (search keyword: no child)

Gateway Children's Nature Connection

Co-sponsored by Gateway Children's Nature Connection and UMSL.

UMSL