



Take Me Outside for Learning
PLACE-BASED LEARNING
Cariboo-Chilcotin School District

For health. For learning. For students. For staff. For ALL the reasons.

Fall 2024 Inspirations

COLLECTIVE
RESPONSIBILITY

INSTRUCTIONAL
CAPACITY

INCLUSIVE LEARNING
COMMUNITIES

INDIGENOUS LEARNING
& CULTURE

PLACE-BASED
LEARNING

Place-based learning is a key focus area of the District Plan for Learner Success. There is a continuum from doing what you do now but doing it outside, to learning about the big ideas and competencies of the BC curriculum through examples and experiences in the local community and environment. More time outdoors can be planned for the work, break, and collaboration time of the adults in our system too. Outdoors is the healthiest place to be and the schoolyards and communities across SD 27 are rich with opportunities. See you out there in the beautiful Cariboo-Chilcotin!

Take Me Outside for Learning Challenge



All students in Cariboo-Chilcotin School District should experience outdoor learning on a regular basis. Schools are approaching this in many ways. In addition to individual classes making the choice to take all the learning they can beyond the walls of the classroom, we have great examples of outdoor prep, scheduled time outdoors on and off site, buddy class activities . . . so many ways to take advantage of the outdoor learning spaces and nearby nature that our schools enjoy. An important initiative for us is [Take Me Outside For Learning Yearlong Challenge](#). We challenge all teachers and principals to join in with a commitment to take learners outdoors – at least once a week from September to June. Last year more than 100 classes in School District 27 took part!

Take Me Outside Day October 23 – Week October 21-25

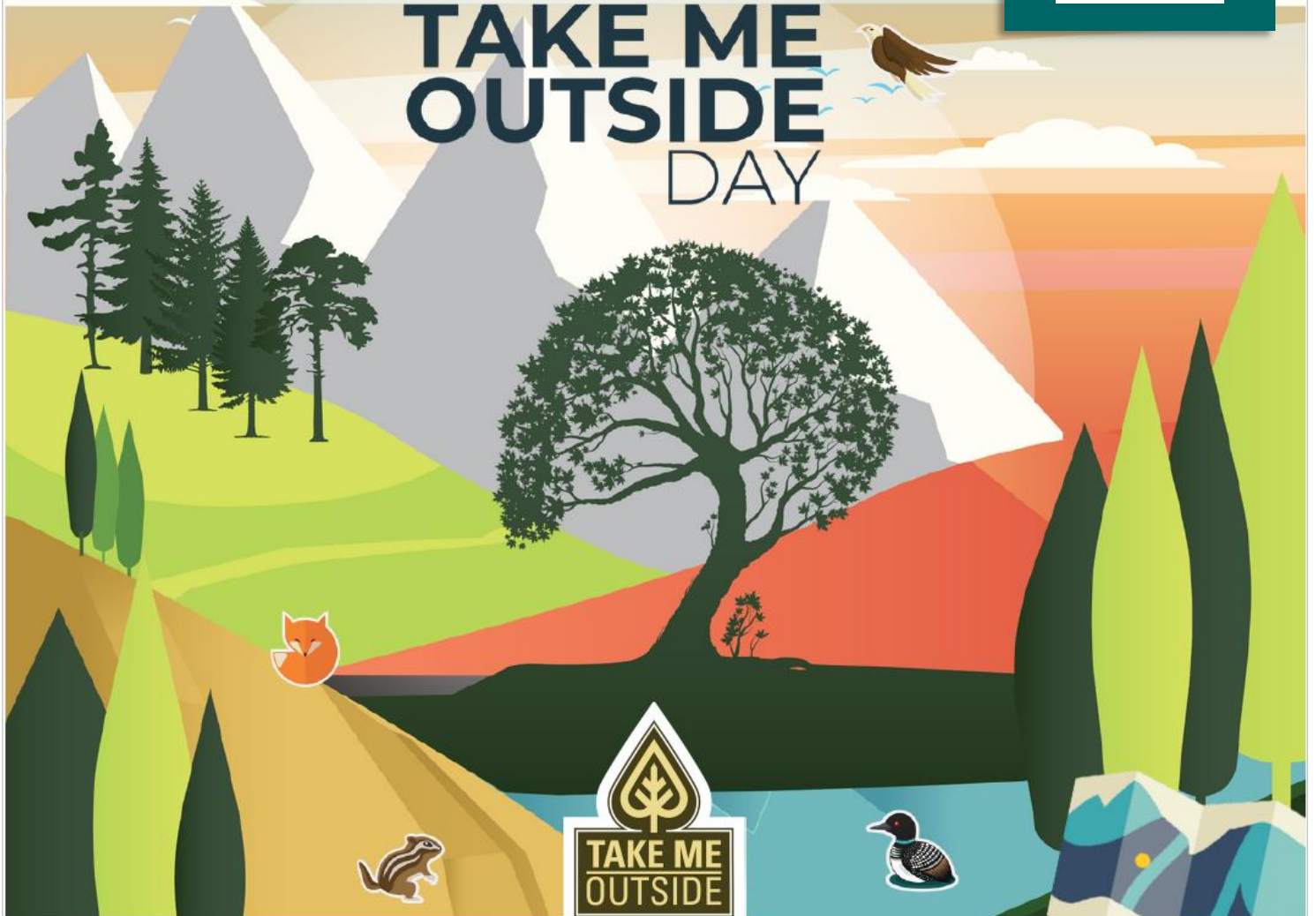
Watch for more news about local events connected to [Take Me Outside Day/Week](#) and how to win prizes for participating! ***Are you in or are you out?***



TMO Day is now a whole WEEK of activities & events!

WED OCT 23, 2024
**TAKE ME
OUTSIDE
DAY**

[REGISTER](#)



Join over 500,000 educators and learners engaging in topics around outdoor learning by taking part in Take Me Outside Day & Week!



Spend 1 hour outside on Wednesday October 23, 2024

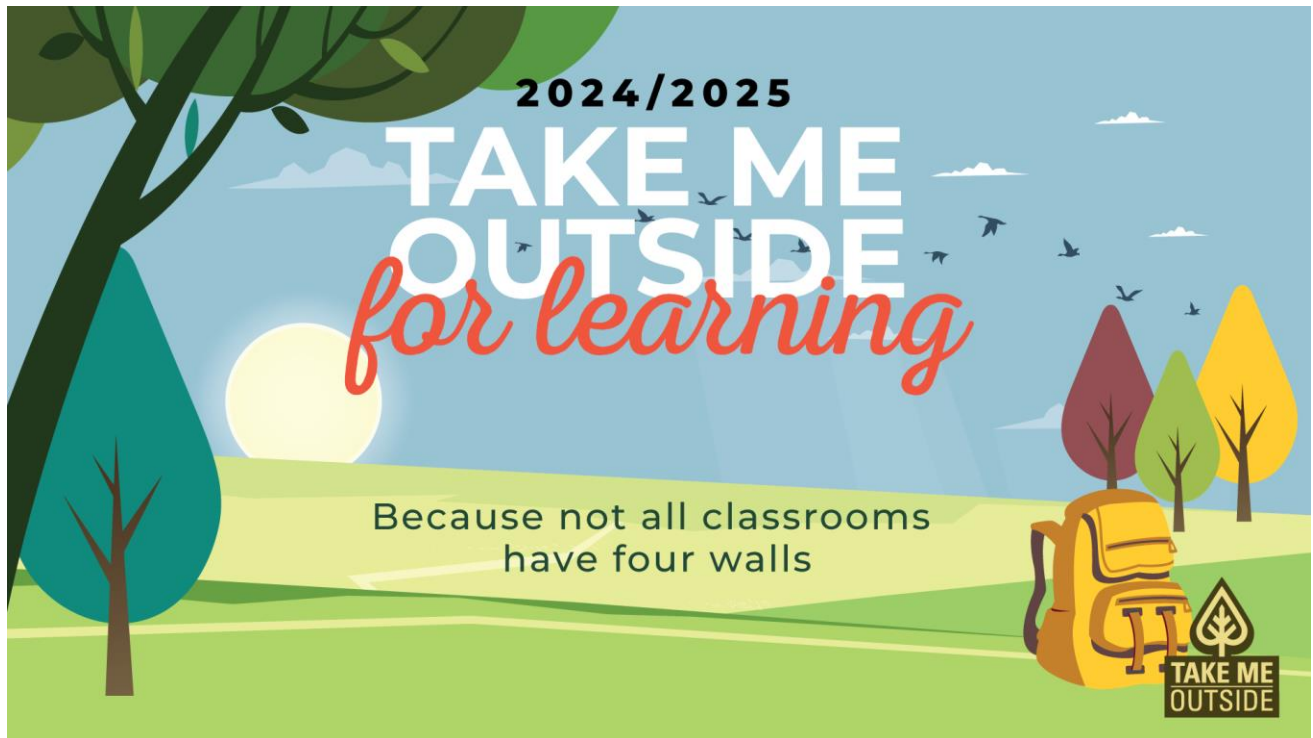


Let us know you're "in" by signing up on our website!



Share your outdoor experiences on social media using the hashtag **#TakeMeOutsideDay**





[Take Me Outside for Learning Challenge - Take Me Outside](#)

During the Learning Challenge, participating educators make a commitment to outdoor learning with their learners – at least once a week from September to June with support from a growing community of educators doing the same.

Outdoor learning is engaging, safe, and fun for all ages, while providing a broad range of physical and mental health benefits for both learners and educators. The Learning Challenge is designed to be simple and fun with tangible tools to help achieve success. The goal is to foster a community of peer support where educators from all walks of life and education systems (from public schools to childcare centres to post-secondary programs) can share ideas, lessons, and stories. You will have opportunities for networking and community building with educators across North America, access to a curated resource list for outdoor learning, monthly newsletter, seasonal gatherings, professional development opportunities, resource discounts to the TMO Store and the Outdoor Learning Store, a Certification of Participation, as well as an opportunity to win prizes for you and your learners.

By registering for the Take Me Outside for Learning Challenge, you receive 20% off [Take Me Outside educator apparel](#), 5% off at the [Outdoor Learning Store](#), and have a chance to win some amazing prizes.

Get outside every week!

Make a goal and commit to spending at least 1 hour per week outside with your learners throughout the school year. This can include class time, extended recess, picnic lunches, field trips, or all of the above. You know what works best for you. Need ideas? [Click here](#) for a curated list of TMO's favourite resources to start your journey!

Place-Based learning isn't only about the outdoors and learning on the land. It is learning *about, in, from* and *with* local community. Learning about **Indigenous history, knowledge and culture** is an important aspect of place-based learning and our professional responsibility as educators, SD 27 staff, Canadian citizens, and Cariboo-Chilcotin residents.

9 | Educators respect and value the history of First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada and the impact of the past on the present and the future. Educators contribute towards truth, reconciliation and healing. Educators foster a deeper understanding of ways of knowing and being, histories, and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Educators critically examine their own biases, attitudes, beliefs, values and practices to facilitate change. Educators value and respect the languages, heritages, cultures, and ways of knowing and being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Educators understand the power of focusing on connectedness and relationships to oneself, family, community and the natural world. Educators integrate First Nations, Inuit and Métis worldviews and perspectives into learning environments.

Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation are intended for participation in learning and acts of reconciliation. This especially true for school district employees. SD 27 leadership and staff are encouraged to be present at local events on September 30



ORANGE SHIRT DAY FILM NIGHT WITH MICHAEL MOSES

Join us for a stirring documentary by Sean Stiller that is based around the story of Phyllis Webstad, skilfully intertwining narratives concerning residential school survivors and Indigenous peoples' relationship with imperiled wild Pacific salmon

7 P M T O 9 P M

Saturday, September 28th.

First Come First Served,

Entrance by Donation to Orange Shirt Society.

**Central Cariboo Arts Centre
90 4th Ave North, Williams Lake**

Much gratitude for permission from director Sean Stiller, and to sponsor Community Arts Council of Williams Lake!





Reconciliation in Canada: from Adversaries to Allyship

**a day-long workshop/retreat in preparation for Orange Shirt Day
and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Sponsored by the Orange Shirt Society

"...we have finally recognized that confronting the legacy of colonialism in Canada, and building the future, is our shared work. This is a moment with significant transformative potential, a moment where we recognize that we all have a role to play, and that we need to increasingly, and urgently, act." Jody Wilson-Raybould, True Reconciliation

The first Orange Shirt Day was in 2013. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report and the 94 Calls to Action in 2015. By the end of 2023, just 13 Calls to Action have been completed. *What is the work that nonIndigenous people in Canada need to do to make Reconciliation a reality? What is YOUR role?*

Reconciliation in Canada: from Adversaries to Allyship is a day long workshop that invites participants to reflect on their personal role in Reconciliation. It will include a welcome to the territory, grounding practices, a history of colonization in Canada and in this territory of T'exelc, Indigenous resistance and social movements, small group discussion, time and space for reflection and action plans for personal responsibility and accountability.

Date: Saturday, September 21 or Sunday, September 29 (choose one)

Time: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. A delicious lunch and snacks will be provided

Location: In person in Williams Lake; exact location to be determined. If you are interested in an online version of this workshop, please let us know

Cost: Free! *Phyllis Webstad and the Orange Shirt Society have generously offered to sponsor both sessions of this workshop.*

Facilitators:

* *Aubrey Jackson* is a member of the Gitksan of Damlaxhamid and holds hereditary title as Xsimoyget Yal. He is a retired Fishery Officer of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and is committed to his Family, Friends and Community. He has overcome many physical, mental, spiritual and emotional challenges in his personal life, and in his career. As a result, he approaches life with an open mind, acceptance and empathy and now has a deeper understanding of the lessons of his elders who influenced his deep-rooted ideology.

* *Margaret-Anne Enders*, BA (Child and Youth Care), MTS (Ethics), founder of Awakenings Anti-Racism and Reconciliation, is a white settler who lives on the unceded territory of T'exelc in the Secwepemc Nation. She is an experienced facilitator with a background in youth work, community development, and multicultural and interfaith relations. Margaret-Anne has been connected with the Orange Shirt Society for many years, including a 5-year term on the board and is currently working as contractor supporting Orange Shirt Day events and Quilts for Survivors. She is passionate about working towards and living in a community where reconciliation, restitution, and land reparations are ongoing, where diversity is truly celebrated, where equity is a given, and where everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered.

To Register: Email to margaret-anne@awakenings-anti-racism.com or call 778-267-9234.

Registration is limited to 10 people per group, so please register early. Deadline is 3 days before the workshop. If you'd like to register for an online group in the future or to book a workshop for your workplace or non profit, please let us know!

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REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS

NE LHE DOH BU NALHANIH
(FRIENDS WE REMEMBER)

NENDUWH GAHIT'I
(THIS IS THE WAY WE USED TO BE)

Join us in honouring Residential School Survivors at an exhibition of historic photos from St. Joseph's Mission Residential School. This is a time to gather and heal by looking through the history of Indian Residential Schools. See an exhibition of historic photos, and learn about WLFN's new digital archive.

SEPT. 24 - OCT. 1
AT THE **WILLIAMS LAKE LIBRARY**
DURING LIBRARY HOURS
FREE | OPEN TO EVERYBODY



SD27 and EEPSA Local Chapter – 4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning Registration 2024-2025

SD27 is pleased to support you by covering the cost of:

1. Your [EEPSA membership](#)
2. Your registration for the [4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning Course](#)
3. Your registration for the [Outdoor Learning Certification Course](#)

★ Register by October 31st

Shelly Boyd, LaRae Wiley, Jo Chrona, Dr. Gregory Cajete, Richard Van Camp, Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, Christi Belcourt, Sasha Eugene, Micaela Iron Shetl-Dominguez, Renée Chacon, Launa Payne, Sherrelle Anderson

4 SEASONS OF Indigenous Learning
A PERSONAL JOURNEY
TOWARDS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

outdoorlearning.com/4-seasons

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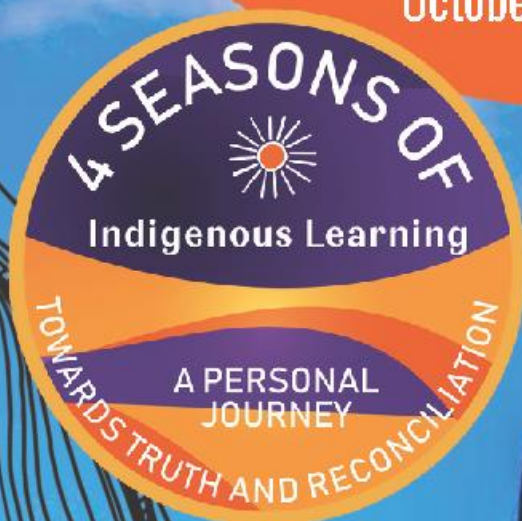
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EQUIPMENT & RESOURCES
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OUTDOOR LEARNING
RELATIONSHIP • RESPECT
RECIPROCITY • RESPONSIBILITY
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR K-12 EDUCATORS IN OUTDOOR LEARNING

October 2024 to May 2025

Register by
October 31



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Christi
Belcourt



Sasha
Eugene



Micaela
Iron Shell-Dominguez



Renée
Chacon



Launa
Payne



Sherrelle
Anderson

- ✓ Online Self-paced Learning Modules
- ✓ 10 Live Virtual Indigenous Presentations
- ✓ Access to Presentation Recordings
- ✓ \$25 for Indigenous Learning Resources
- ✓ Certificate of Completion



outdoorlearning.com/4-seasons



REGISTER

OUTDOOR LEARNING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



COST
\$225
10 modules

FEATURING

- ➔ 30 hours of course content
- ➔ 3 x live workshops with course instructors (recorded)
- ➔ Support and feedback on your participation
- ➔ Monday-ready activities to implement with your class
- ➔ Community building and peer to peer reflection throughout
- ➔ 10 modules in a timeframe that works with your schedule

This online certification is designed for K-12 educators. The 10 modules that will help integrate outdoor learning into your teaching practice include:

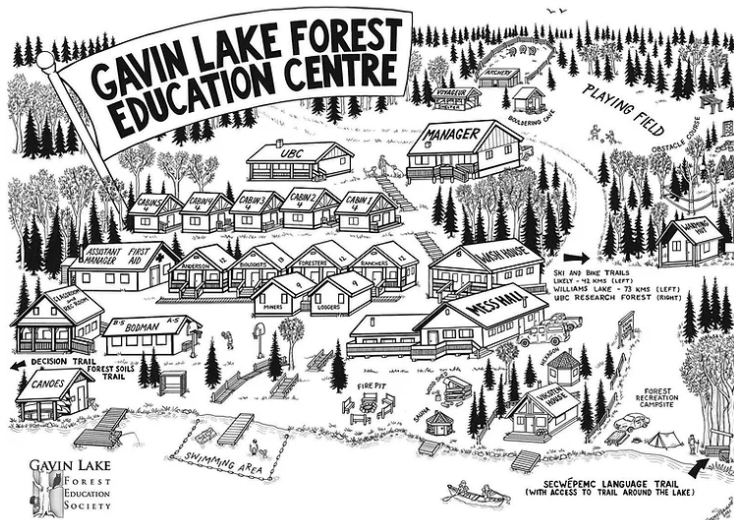
- 1 Introduction to Outdoor Learning
- 2 Outdoor Learning 'Outside of the classroom'
- 3 Setting Up for Success & Risk Assessment
- 4 Lesson Planning for Outdoor Learning
- 5 Concept 1: Relationship
- 6 Concept 2: Respect
- 7 Concept 3: Reciprocity
- 8 Concept 4: Responsibility
- 9 Assessment in the Outdoors
- 10 Embedding the Learning



REGISTER TODAY

takemeoutside.ca/certification

Gavin Lake Forest Education Centre



The camp is always open to bookings for schools and classes of any grade that want to run their own program. There is no fee to use the camp and its resources. Schools have increased budgets for field trips to accommodate bussing. Special free programs where Gavin Lake provides instruction and food services are scattered throughout the school year and are primarily aimed at grade 6 classes or combined classes that include grade 6 students. The amount of free availability any given year is determined by the amount of funding the Gavin Lake Forest Education Society receives through

donations and sponsorships for its school programming. School District 27 supports the society. Camp resources can be viewed on the website gavinlake.ca.

Gavin Lake Forest Education Society is a registered charity that believes in and supports outdoor learning and outdoor recreation for children. The Gavin Lake experience is a rich part of the school life of many SD 27 students.

Scout Island Nature Centre



Scout Island offers school programs designed to get K-12 students outdoors and up close and personal with nature. Programs may take place at the Nature Centre, at the school, or in the River Valley. The programs offered change with the season and with staff availability. All programs are linked to BC curriculum by grade and are led by environmental educators or naturalists. Teachers are encouraged to contact Scout Island to discuss specific information and activities they would like to have included in a field trip. Overnight visits can be arranged!

Check out their website and connect with them by email. School District 27 supports the society's programming. A visit to Scout Island should be part of all our students' school experience!

(Almost) No Bad Weather

We can experience variable Fall weather in our area. Appropriate clothing and footwear is essential for a safe and positive outdoor experience. **All students need stigma-free access to good clothing, footwear, and gear for all weather.** Cariboo-Chilcotin schools have done a fantastic job of using year-end lost and found recycling, thrift stores, donated items from individuals or community drives, and funds from sources such as Family Affordability funds to equip students properly. Now is a good time to check in on what your students might need for the current and next season. There are **resources available for what is needed**. Make this part of your staff conversations and planning as a school team.



You will not be out there alone



Watch for Pro-D opportunities offered by Cariboo-Chilcotin Teachers Association and South Central BC Environmental Education Provincial Specialist Association (EEPSA)



EEPSA
Environmental Educators
Provincial Specialist Association

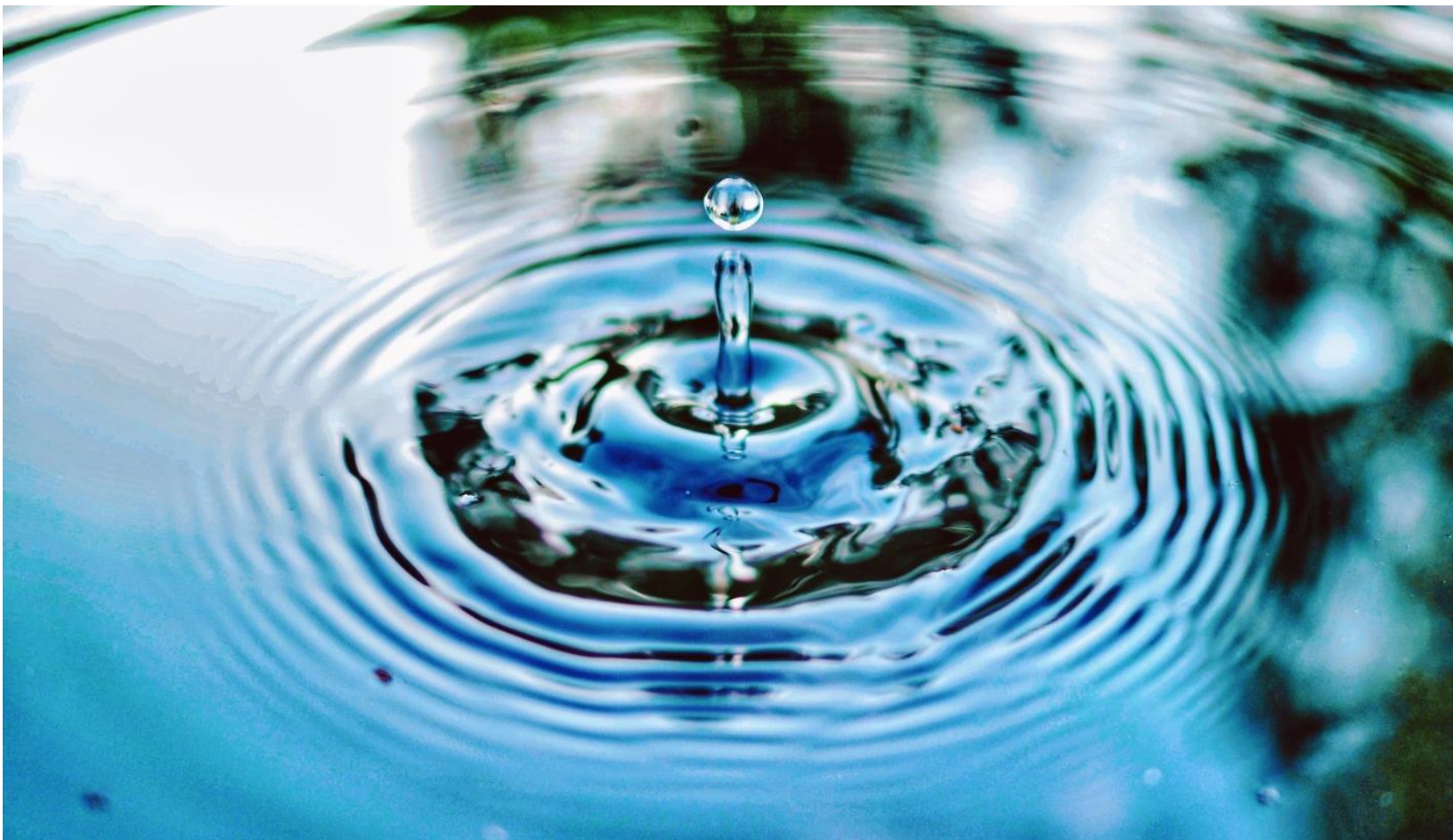


The [C2C Education Network](#) is a made-in-B.C. collaborative of partners providing place-based educational leadership and support to teachers, school districts and community partners through local, regional and provincial initiatives, events and activities across B.C.



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[EDUCATION](#)
[RESOURCES](#)



The Ripple Effect of Resilience: An Indigenous Perspective

Through this self-paced online course, you will add to the bundle of gifts and knowledge that you carry in your work with Indigenous children, youth and families.

Woven into six modules, Monique shares her personal journey and offers practical tips for working with Indigenous children and youth, alongside readings from her various books. Together you will build a practice of hope and resilience.



View Monique's invitation video to learn [more](#)



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[REGISTER HERE](#) by Oct to be emailed the link and code for course



ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP

Provincial Conference
October 25-26, 2024
Vancouver, BC

#PSADAY



Register

c2c-bc.org/annual-conference-2024



C2C EDUCATION NETWORK A MADE-IN-BC NETWORK, CONNECTING CLASSROOMS AND COMMUNITIES



EEPSA
Environmental Educators
Provincial Specialists Association



FREE!

TUESDAYS
60 mins
Sept—Oct

Outdoor Learning Free Fall Virtual Workshops



17 September

Land-based Learning
and Reconciliation:
Resources for
Teaching TEENS



24 September

Land-based Learning
and Reconciliation:
Resources for
Teaching CHILDREN



1 October

How to Teach Nature
Journaling: Curiosity,
Wonder, Attention



22 October

Climate Connections:
Outdoor Learning and
Climate Change
Education



29 October

FutureMakers:
Resources to Inspire
Students for
Sustainability



THE OUTDOOR LEARNING
SCHOOL & STORE

OUTDOORLEARNING.COM



Free Outdoor Learning Seasonal Virtual Workshops!

Offered in partnership with [Take Me Outside](#) and our [Outdoor Learning Partners!](#)



- Registration is **FREE** and there will be plenty of **draw prizes** for attendees!
- All registrants will receive a **discount code** to access outdoor learning resources when they register
- All Virtual Workshops are **60 minutes** and will take place **at 4pm Pacific / 7pm Eastern**
- For those who can't attend live these will each be **recorded** and all registrants will be emailed with the link to the recording
- Following the workshop, participants will receive a link to access a **Certificate of Attendance**

Walking Meeting Challenge



Have you tried holding any meetings or parts of meetings outdoors? How about walking meetings? Walking meetings between staff members or for conversations with a student are a great option. It is easy for 1:1 and small groups and can be incorporated as a portion of larger group meetings with break out or pair and share activities. For online meetings or portions of meetings focused on discussion rather than visuals, participants can easily be outside walking while on mobile devices. Learn about the benefits and [tips](#) and give it a try.



See you out there in the beautiful Cariboo-Chilcotin!

2025
**OUTDOOR
LEARNING**
CONFERENCE
MAY 8-10
BANFF, AB

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PLACE & PEDAGOGY:
Where Learning Happens

Join us in beautiful Banff National Park, Alberta for the chance to connect with experts in the field, colleagues, and community partners through workshops, panels, and keynote speakers.

The conference will focus on three main topics:



Climate change and environmental education



Indigenous knowledge & perspectives



Health and well-being

Register online:
takemeoutside.ca/conference





WALKING TOGETHER

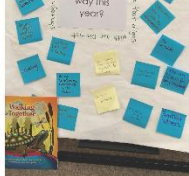


For the Success of ALL
Cariboo - Chilcotin Learners

School Start Up September 2024



Love shares light on joy
Joy shares light on happiness
Happiness shares light on hope
Hope shares light on Gratitude



Be present Listen to learn Walk together Move Awe Let your light shine
Nourish your soul Curiosity Gratitude, Love, Joy, Happiness Time in nature Team
Intentionality Attendance Literacy Numeracy Belonging Adults who care
Community Communication Take care of one another

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