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| **Title:** | **Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children (MORNING)** |
| Target Audience: | Preschool – Gr 3 Teachers |
| Presenter Biography: | **Stephanie Weinstein** is passionate about outdoor learning and sharing her love of nature with children and their families. First trained as an ecologist and conservation biologist, Stephanie did fieldwork around the world, studying everything from penguins to palm trees, while always finding ways to share her work with the public and engage school children. She has worked as a park naturalist and currently enjoys outdoor rambles with elementary school children in her work as an interpreter with CRD Parks. Stephanie also organizes monthly “Explorer Days” for children and their families as the leader of Victoria’s Young Naturalists’ Club. She is excited to deliver hands-on, dynamic workshops as a new facilitator with WildBC, a provincial network of environmental educators. |
| Workshop Summary: | *Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children*is an early childhood education activity guide that builds on children’s sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them.  Growing Up WILD demonstrates how early childhood learning objectives can be reached through use of the outdoors and nature-themed activities combined with art, music, math and play. As the younger version of the popular Project WILD resources, it builds the confidence of early childhood educators to lead outdoor explorations by providing ready-made activities and easily digestible background information in a full-colour 11”x17” activity guide, coupled with a lively, hands-on workshop. Interested participants will be able to purchase a copy of the Growing Up WILD guide for $20. |

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| **Title:** | **Get Outdoors! An Educator’s Guide to Outdoor Classrooms (AFTERNOON)** |
| Target Audience: | K-9 Teachers |
| Presenter Biography: | **Stephanie Weinstein** is passionate about outdoor learning and sharing her love of nature with children and their families. First trained as an ecologist and conservation biologist, Stephanie did fieldwork around the world, studying everything from penguins to palm trees, while always finding ways to share her work with the public and engage school children. She has worked as a park naturalist and currently enjoys outdoor rambles with elementary school children in her work as an interpreter with CRD Parks. Stephanie also organizes monthly “Explorer Days” for children and their families as the leader of Victoria’s Young Naturalists’ Club. She is excited to deliver hands-on, dynamic workshops as a new facilitator with WildBC, a provincial network of environmental educators. |
| Workshop Summary: | Stepping outdoors opens up a huge array of teaching and learning opportunities, and generates excitement and enthusiasm in students of all ages! This workshop, based on WildBC’s Get Outdoors! Educator’s Guide for K-9, supports and equips teachers by mapping out the “baby steps” for taking learning outdoors - including easy and powerful sensory awareness activities that help develop personal connections to nature, as well as tips for planning and group management. Other activities examine cultural connections to special places, and explore biodiversity, habitat and community mapping. Come dressed for the weather and ready to experience the outdoors in new ways! Interested participants will be able to purchase a copy of the Get Outdoors! guide for $20. |