

# Outdoor Play in the Early Years Conference

April, 12 & 13 2024



We are excited to have you join us this weekend! Included here are the schedule and map. We hope this answers all your questions, but if you need anything, visit the registration desk in the foyer.

There is no pre-registration required, follow your interest and go to any sessions you want to!

Edworthy Park. It takes 3 minutes to drive down the hill and 3-4 minutes to walk across the field. Make sure to give yourself enough time to get there!

To see full descriptions of the sessions, visit: <https://getoutsideandplay.ca/conference2024/>

Friday April 12		
5:45pm - 6:30pm	Check-in. Pick up your name tags and packages Make a magic wand or visit the contribution boards.	Foyer
6:30pm - 7:45pm	Outdoor and nature play can have life changing impacts on children and families. Hear 4 remarkable voices who will share their stories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Devon Karchut - Physiotherapist and owner of Nature Play</li><li>• Sylvie Tissandier - Teacher at a K-3 public school</li><li>• Lianne Wiebe - Lead teacher with Ready Set Go with Trellis</li><li>• Gayatri Moorthi - Parent with a child in nature programs</li></ul>	Sanctuary
7:45pm - 8:30pm	Social. Join us in the parking lot for tea, hot chocolate and 'smores around the firepits.	Lot behind church

Your hosts for this conference:

**NATURE PLAY** [natureplaykids.ca](http://natureplaykids.ca)



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## Saturday April 13

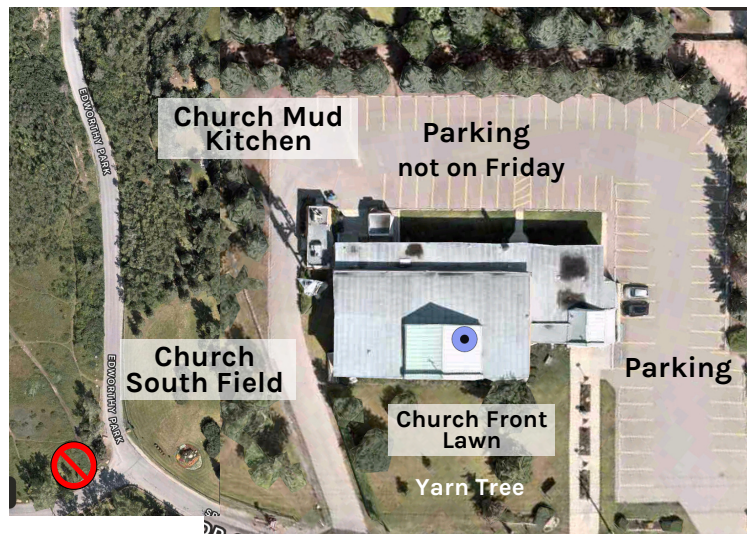
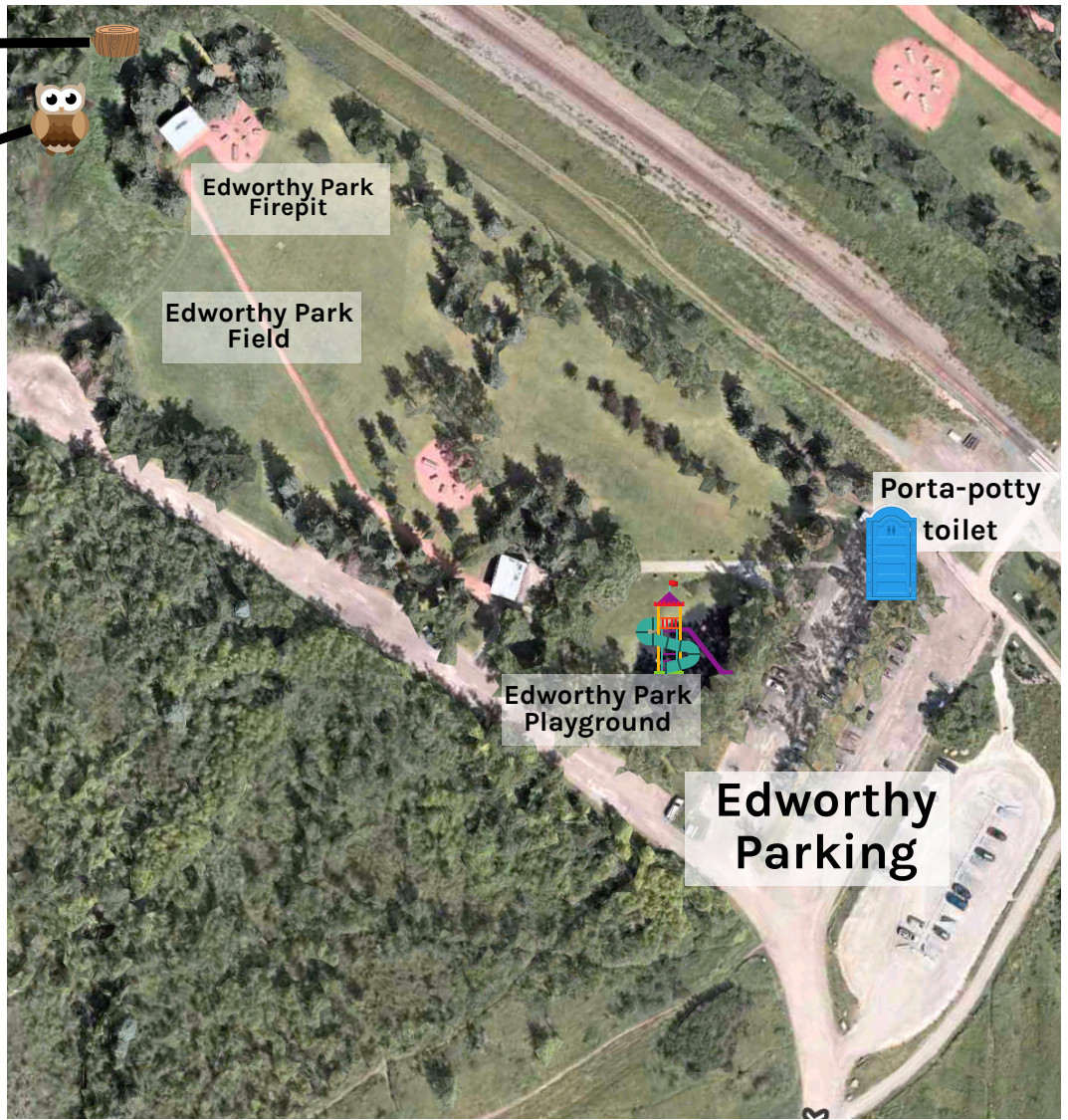
7:30am 8:15am	Mindful Yoga with Kim Marion from Connect OT	Nursery off the Sanctuary
8:00am 8:30am	Arrival and check-in.	Foyer
8:30am - 9:30am	Welcome and announcements. Chantal Chagnon. Fill your heart with drumming	Sanctuary
9:30am 9:45am	Move to session #1	
9:45am 10:50am	Earth Walks - Connecting Children with the Natural World with Christine Jenik	Edworthy Park Owl
	Sensory Sensations! How music, nature and sensory activities benefit everyone with Margaret Dahlberg	Edworthy Park Stump Circle
	Don't have a forest? No problem! with Monique Lozeron	Church Front Lawn
	Nature-based play in elementary classrooms: ideas to get started with Sylvie Tissandier	Church Mud Kitchen
	Bringing Montessori Outdoors with Jenna Mazzei	Church Basement Spruce Room
10:50am 11:10am	Move to session #2	
11:10am - 12:10pm	Music Outdoors with Margaret Dahlberg	Edworthy Park Stump Circle
	Firecraft and Resiliency with Rob Ross	Edworthy Park Firepit
	Bring Speech and Language Outside with Speech Language Pathologist Abbey Massar	Church Front Lawn
	Outdoor Learning Core Routines with Xena Biffert	Church Mud Kitchen
	Creating Secure and Supportive Learning Environments with Claire Cummings	Church Basement Spruce Room

## Saturday April 13

12:10pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	Church Sanctuary
1:00pm - 1:10pm	Move to Session #3	
1:10pm - 2:30pm	Rethinking Risk in the Early Years with Sarah Reader	Edworthy Park Owl
	Rejuvenation Forest Bathing with Julianne Buchler	Edworthy Park Field
	Stories of Connection with Dave Verhulst	Edworthy Park Stump Circle
	Plant and Fungi Identification with Rob Ross	Edworthy Park Near Playground
	Bees, the Gateway Bug - How learning about bees connects us to nature with Gisele Hardock, Master Beekeeper	Church Basement Spruce Room
2:30pm - 2:50pm	Move to Session #4	
2:50pm - 4:10pm	Loose Parts Outside with Sarah Reader	Edworthy Park Owl
	Building Connection Through Nature Play with Dave Verhulst	Edworthy Park Stump Circle
	Playing the Story: Connecting children, place and literature with Ronna Mosher and Anne Cloarec	Edworthy Park Firepit
	Outdoor Process Art with Brittany Caldwell	Church Front Lawn
	Neurodiversity and the Benefits of Outdoor Therapy with Abbey Massar	Church Basement Spruce Room
4:10pm - 4:25pm	Move to church for closing	
4:30pm - 4:50pm	Closing and draw prizes.	Church South Field

Edworthy Park  
Stump Circle

Edworthy  
Park Owl



Keep right to go down  
to Edworthy park.

