

LINCK
Long Island Nature Collaborative for Kids
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**Landscape Architect Workshop:
DESIGNING OUTDOOR NATURE
CLASSROOMS FOR CHILDREN**

February 24 – 25, 2010
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
LACES Continuing Education Credits: 13
Cost: \$500
Location: UNAYO: 48A Cedar Rd., Amityville

Research has found that today's children are increasingly disconnected from nature.

Teachers and parents have expressed concerns about the stressful, overscheduled lives of children as well as their preoccupation with TV and video games. This alienation from the natural world is leading to increases in problems such as obesity, children's dislike and even fear of the outdoors, and increased reliance on behavior-regulating medications.

The Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation are working in collaboration to support the creation of effective outdoor learning environments that make nature a part of children's everyday lives. LINCK, the Long Island Nature Collaborative for Kids, has been designated by these organizations as a national demonstration site for connecting children and nature. We are working with schools, child care programs, places of worship, community centers, parks and museums to put unique, nature-focused



classrooms in sites across Long Island. **We need a cadre of trained Landscape Architects in the area to help us make this happen.**

LINCK will host a two-day workshop for landscape architects and landscape designers, who will have a unique opportunity to inspire a child's sense of wonder in the natural world. The workshop, "**Designing Outdoor Nature Classrooms for Children**" will be held on **February 24 and 25, 2010 at UNAYO in Amityville**, a community center that houses a Head Start program, youth center and senior center. This collaborative, hands-on workshop will explore effective ways to apply new research-based, field-tested principles to the design of outdoor nature classrooms in a variety of settings. This workshop presents a unique combination of design principles coupled with the direct application of educational research. **Thirteen hours of LACES credits will be available for all participants.**

Please call **(516) 304-5480** or e-mail LINCK Director Hillary Olson at holson@eyi.org to let us know of your interest in attending. Additional information about the workshop, agenda and instructors are attached.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Schedule

Registration on Wednesday, February 24th will begin at 8:30 AM. The workshop will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and conclude by 4:00 PM. Work on your own will be necessary Monday evening. On Thursday, February 25th, the workshop will resume at 8:30 AM, and conclude by 4 PM. LINCK will provide two breakfasts and two lunches as well as afternoon snacks.

Fees

The cost of the two-day program is \$500 and includes all meals and program reading materials.

What to Bring

- Basic Drawing Materials
- Pencils
- Architect and Engineer's Scale
- Portable Drawing Board and T-Square
- Rolling parallel ruler (glider)
- Role of 12-inch tracing paper
- Drafting tape
- 100 foot tape measure or rolling tape measure
- Dress for the weather. We will spend time outside, regardless of the weather.



Course Outcomes

By the end of this workshop, participants will:

1. Understand research-based educational concepts behind the Nature Explore approach to landscape design.
2. Learn the Ten Guiding Principles to successful outdoor learning environments for children.
3. Understand Nature Explore's ten recommended areas, and additional supplemental areas and their application, to provide well-balanced environments for learning of all ages, styles, and abilities.
4. Gain a valuable, practical experience with an actual design problem.
5. Receive a certificate for 13 hours of professional achievement.

Location

UNAYO: United North Amityville Youth Organization.
48A Cedar Rd., Amityville, NY 11701

Directions

From the West: Southern State parkway to Exit 33. Merge onto 109E toward Babylon. Turn right onto New Highway/Old New Highway, go .5 miles and turn right onto Cedar Rd. UNAYO is on the left at the first intersection.

From the East: Southern State parkway to Exit 34 to New Highway toward 109 E. turn Left on New Highway/Old New Highway. Go .7 miles and turn right on Cedar Rd. UNAYO is on the left at the first intersection.

Continuing Education Credits (MCEs) Available

This workshop will be eligible for 13 Continuing Education Credits through LACES – the Landscape Architect Continuing Education System.

Cancellations

Given the limited number of spaces available for people to attend, please let us know as soon as possible if plans have changed and you are not able to participate.

Course Instructors

James R. Wike, ASLA, is the Nature Explore Classroom Design Director. With more than 23 years of professional landscape architectural practice, and being licensed in 12 states, James Wike, ASLA, CLARB has assembled a wide variety of land planning and site design experience in a multitude of situations. He is responsible for the site planning of parks, hospitals, schools, churches, multi-family housing, single family housing, commercial centers and various public works projects. His major areas of concentration are site analysis, land use studies, conceptual design, preparation of construction documents, competitive bid administration, and construction administration. He has taught several classes in landscape architecture at the college level in Memphis and in North Carolina. Jim holds a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Landscape Architecture from North Carolina State University. He holds a Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Board certification and is a member of many local, state and national landscape architecture associations. At present Jim is working with Dimensions Educational Research Foundation and the Arbor Day Foundation on the development of Nature Explore Classrooms throughout the United States. He is on the Leadership Team of the International Nature Action Collaborative for Children.

Nancy Rosenow is the Executive Director of the Dimensions Educational Research Foundation where she works with national consultants who deliver research and resources to educators and families throughout the United States. Dimensions works in collaboration with the Arbor Day Foundation on a national initiative called Nature Explore, a program designed to help children re-connect with the natural world as an integral part of daily learning. Dimensions and Arbor Day helped host the international Working Forums on Nature Education in 2006 and 2008. Nancy has given presentations nationally and internationally on nature education and has authored recent articles for national publications such as *Exchange* magazine, *Young Children* magazine, and *Out of the Box Training*. She is Nebraska's past-president for the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Dimensions Foundation also directs community-wide initiatives such as a Multicultural Education Outreach Program and a Scholarship Fund that provides tuition assistance to low-income families. Nancy's degree is in early childhood and elementary education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and she completed graduate work to become an Endorsed High/Scope trainer for the Nebraska Department of Education and the High/Scope Early Childhood Research Foundation in Ypsilanti, Michigan.