

Risky play-adventure play-rough and tumble play-what the terms mean and what they look like in early learning programs

January 15, 2020

Cost: \$23.00 (tax included)

2 PD hours

[Preregistration required-submit ECDSC registration form along with payment by January 8th.](#)

Children require environments that allow them to engage in play that is adventurous, challenging, and even risky. Risky play supports children in learning about their world; test what is and is not possible; learn about making mistakes; and discovering new things about their space, place and environment. This interactive workshop outlines some of the barriers that adults impose on children and strategies that support adults in advancing children's opportunities to engage in active play that is stimulating, challenging and fulfilling to them.

Winter is a Magical Time for Children's Outdoor Play

February 12, 2020

Cost: \$23.00 (tax included)

2 PD hours

[Preregistration required-submit ECDSC registration form along with payment by February 5th.](#)

Children's outdoor play in the winter is magical. The more they run, jump, slide, climb and experiment with rain, snow, ice and frost, the more opportunities they have to embrace the beauty of the season. Outdoor play in the winter inspires children to become explorers and discover many things such as animal tracks, what makes crunching sounds, and how snowflakes and snow feel on mittens and tongues. This session will provide practical ideas for making outdoor play magical in the winter and highlights how math, science, language, physical literacy, and dramatic play is inherent in winter play.

Tinkering and Design Thinking

(This session has never been offered in Nova Scotia before)

March 11, 2020

Cost: \$23.00 (tax included)

2 PD hours

[Preregistration required-submit ECDSC registration form along with payment by March 4th.](#)

Tinkering and design thinking are processes that support children in exploring and experimenting with materials through trial and error and that leads them to becoming makers of their ideas and in moving their ideas to new levels of design. Tinkering flourishes with children in environments where they have access to unique materials and space to experiment with the materials in multiple ways so that they can create projects that are complex and meaningful to them. This interactive presentation will explore the concepts of tinkering and design thinking and what the process can look like in early learning environments.

Facilitator Biography: Dr. Beverlie Dietze has been researching aspects of children's outdoor play for more than 20 years. She has published three textbooks related to children's play and learning and is currently a lead researcher and facilitator on outdoor play funded through the Lawson Foundation. Beverlie has been involved in a number of outdoor play projects and presentations in Nova Scotia.

The following information pertains to each of the above workshops:

Location: Your home, library or local NSCC Campus-all you need is internet and an e-mail address. If you are going to an NSCC Campus, please let us know so that we can make arrangements with that Campus.

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Required: computer, internet, access to email (we will send you the link), headset with microphone as you are required to participate, Skype for Business (as this is the method we use to deliver the workshop). Log-in before the session to make sure there are no issues.

It is the participants' responsibility to make sure their equipment, including headphones, will work with the session.

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Limited space, register early! We can only accept 30 individuals into these online workshops.