

2017 Agenda

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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Building Resilience and Joy in Uncertain Times

July 23–26, 2017

Lied Lodge and Conference Center | Arbor Day Farm | Nebraska City, NE

Sunday, July 23, 2017

4–9PM **Registration**

7–9PM **Optional Evening Reception – Lied Lodge**
Enjoy complimentary appetizers and beverages while meeting Institute participants and facilitators.

Monday, July 24, 2017

6:30–8:30AM *Breakfast provided as part of the Institute registration fee*

7:30–9AM **Registration**

MORNING OPENING SESSION (9AM–12PM)

This morning session will feature a mid-morning break with complimentary refreshments.

9–9:25AM **Opening Address by Leadership Institute Hosts:
Building Resilience and Joy in Uncertain Times**
John Rosenow, *Dimensions Foundation*
Elyssa Nelson, *Child Educational Center*
Eric Nelson, *Outdoor Classroom Project*
Nancy Rosenow, *Nature Explore*

9:25–9:45AM **Interest Group Activity**
Get to know others doing work similar to your own

Morning Speakers—How Do Outdoor Classrooms Build Children’s (and Adults’) Natural Resilience and Joy?
Speakers representing multiple settings and age groups will share practical and inspiring ideas and information.

9:45–10:05AM Infants/Toddlers: Ellen Veselack and Erinn Levin, *Child Educational Center* and Christine Kiewra, *Dimensions Foundation*

10:05–10:25AM Preschoolers: Ranae Amezcuita and Karla Corona, *Los Angeles Unified School District*

10:25–10:45AM **Break**

10:45–11:05AM Elementary: Octavia Butler, *Gomez Elementary School, Omaha, NE*

11:05–11:25AM Home Child Care: Corinne Carr, *Special Blessings Home Child Care*

11:25–11:45AM Pre-service Teachers: Jeffrey Procive and Catherine Nyznyk, *Monterey Peninsula College Lab School*

Monday, July 24, 2017 *Continued*

- 11:45AM–12PM** **Conversations in Interest Groups**
- 12–1:30PM** *Lunch buffet provided as part of the Institute registration fee*
- 1:30–3:45PM** **Explorations in Natural Outdoor Classrooms—
a Venue for Building Resilience and Joy**
- Begin at Lied Lodge, then enjoy facilitated hands-on outdoor experiences that feature chances to set intentions and experience the value of open-ended exploration in building resilience and joy.
- 3:45PM** *Break with refreshments back at Lied Lodge*
- 4–4:30PM** **Discussion in Interest Groups**
- 4:30–6:30PM** **Tree Adventure Exhibits and the Apple House will be open
just for Leadership Institute participants**
- 5–7PM** **Dinner on your own**

OPTIONAL EVENING SOCIAL TIME

- 7–7:45PM** **Wine tasting, followed by a time of sharing our work with each other**
- 7:45–9:30PM** **Participants are invited to briefly share images of their work
(if they have submitted images in advance) and to describe
one idea that might be of benefit to others.**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

6:30–8:30AM *Breakfast provided as part of the Institute registration fee*

9AM–12PM **Intention Walk – “Supporting Each Other’s Positive Intentions”**
Enjoy an inspiring facilitated experience that takes place in the beauty of Arbor Day Farm’s natural surroundings. Connect with other participants and gain support and courage for your personal journeys.

12–1:30PM *Lunch buffet provided as part of the Institute registration fee*

1:30–2PM **Conversations in Mixed Profession Groups**
Sharing insights from the Intention Walk

AFTERNOON SESSION (2–4PM)

How Natural Outdoor Classrooms Strengthen In-born Resilience and Help Children Meet Life’s Challenges
There will be a mid-afternoon break with complimentary refreshments.

2–2:20PM Meeting Challenges: David and Johanna Miner, *Live and Learn Early Learning Center*

2:20–3PM Learning Naturally: Ways to Build Resilience and Joy: Eric Nelson, *Outdoor Classroom Project* and Tina Reeble, *Nature Explore*

3–3:20PM **Break**

3:20–4PM Voices of Children Documentay Project: Ellen Hall, *Boulder Journey School* and *World Forum Foundation*

4–4:30PM **Discussions in Mixed Professions Groups**

4:30–6:30PM *Tree Adventure Exhibits and the Apple House will be open just for Leadership Institute participants*

5–7PM *Dinner on your own*

OPTIONAL EVENING SOCIAL TIME

7:30–9PM **Interactive experience facilitated by Sandra Duncan**

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

6:30–8:30AM *Breakfast provided as part of the Institute registration fee*

MORNING SESSION (9–11:10AM)

Building Collaborations: Supporting Each Other

There will be a mid-morning break with complimentary refreshments.

9:10–10AM Reedley College Collaborative Project: *Reedley College representatives; Jim Oftedal, United States Forest service; Julie Rose and Jim Wike, Nature Explore; Eric and Elyssa Nelson, Outdoor Classroom Project*

10–10:20AM **Break**

10:20–10:45AM Collaborations Across a City

10:45–11:10AM Resources to Support Collaborations: Susan Wirth, *Dimensions Foundation*

11:10AM–12PM **Discussion and Activities in Original Interest Groups**

12–1:30PM *Lunch buffet provided as part of the Institute registration fee*

1:30–3:00PM **Creativity and Advocacy**

Mike Brown, *Brainzooming Group*, will lead a fun, interactive session on how your own creativity can help you build resilience, joy and your ability to advocate for positive change. You'll also have one more chance to connect with your new network of kindred spirits!

3–3:20PM **Final Thoughts and Sharing**

3:20–4PM **Closing Reception** *(with complimentary refreshments)*