

# 2022 Agenda

Nature Explore | The Outdoor  
Classroom Project



# LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Embracing the Gifts of Nature for Ourselves,  
Our Children and Our World

**July 24–27, 2022**

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

## Sunday, July 24, 2022

- 7–9PM **Registration open**
- 7–9PM **Evening Reception and Retirement Celebration**  
Enjoy complimentary appetizers and beverages while meeting Institute participant and facilitators, as well as celebrating the retirement of Eric & Elyssa Nelson, John & Nancy Rosenow, Julie Rose, and Jim Wike.

## Monday, July 25, 2022

- 6:30–8:30AM *Breakfast Buffet – Timber Dining Room – for everyone rooming at Lied Lodge!*
- 7:30–9AM **Registration**
- 9AM **OPENING SESSION**  
*(with break and complimentary refreshments part way through)*
- **Heart-Centered presentation by Eric and Elyssa Nelson & John and Nancy Rosenow**
  - **Building Resilience with Nature Connections presented by Holly Elissa Bruno**
  - **Introductions at table groups and intention setting**
- 12–1:30PM *Lunch buffet provided as part of the Institute registration fee*
- 1:30–4:30PM **AFTERNOON SESSION**
- **Short presentations at Lied Lodge about the hands-on activities to follow. Then there will be a short walk to the two natural outdoor classrooms. Participants will work in groups and rotate through all of these hands-on activities:**
    - **Innovative use of loose parts** – *Carla Gull*
    - **Art and Nature** – *Erinn Levin*
    - **Photography in Nature** – *Kirsten Haugen*
    - **Fort building** – *Ellen Veselack*
    - **EXPLORE and PLAY!** – *Heather Fox and Tina Reeble*
  - **Break with refreshments back at Lied Lodge**
  - **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*
- 7–8PM **Optional Evening Social Time – Wine tasting**

## Tuesday, July 26, 2022

- 6:30–8:30AM**      *Breakfast Buffet – Timber Dining Room – for everyone rooming at Lied Lodge!*
- 7:30–8AM**      **Optional Wellness Activity**
- 9AM–12PM**      **MORNING SESSION**
- **Finding Nature’s Gifts in Personal Connection: You are the Heart!**  
Enjoy an inspirational, facilitated walk
- 12–1:30PM**      *Lunch buffet provided as part of the Institute registration fee*
- 1:15–4:30PM**      **AFTERNOON SESSION**  
*(with break and complimentary refreshments part way through)*
- **Sharing in Interest groups – insights from the morning time**
  - **First Sharing Our Work session**  
Enjoy short presentations from Outdoor Classroom Project Demonstration Sites and Certified Nature Explore Classrooms as they share examples of their work
  - **Children’s Perspectives presented by Dean Tagawa and Ranae Amezquita, Los Angeles Unified School District**
  - **Discussion in interest groups**
- 4:30–6:30PM**      **Tree Adventure Exhibits and the Apple House will be open just for Leadership Institute participants**
- 5–7:30PM**      *Dinner on your own*
- 7:30–8:30PM**      **Evening Activity on Hazelnut Lawn – Michael Fitzsimmons of Dancing Man Music will present a lively participatory outdoor drum circle musical experience**

## Wednesday, July 27, 2022

- 6:30–8:30AM**      *Breakfast Buffet – Timber Dining Room – for everyone rooming at Lied Lodge!*
- 7:30–8AM**      **Optional Wellness Activity**
- 9AM–12:20PM**      **MORNING SESSION**
- **Nature for Ourselves, Our Children and Our World:**
    - *Heather Fox*, representing the Environmental Kinship International group
    - *Chris Kiewra*, University of Nebraska at Lincoln
  - **Hands-on Group Activities**  
(Participants will divide into two groups and experience both activities)
    - Collaborative Honeycombs presented by Sandra Duncan
    - Sustaining Ourselves, Being the Heart, Connectedness (Heart Centered Trios)
- 12:20–1:30PM**      *Lunch buffet provided as part of the Institute registration fee*
- 1:30–4:30PM**      **CLOSING SESSION**
- **Second Sharing Our Work Session**
  - **Sharing of intentions**
  - **Celebrate ten-year programs in the Outdoor Classroom Project and Nature Explore Certified Network**
  - **Final Thoughts and Closing Reception**