

Nature Based Education Institute

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Session Title: Logistics of Nature-Based Education in Public Elementary Schools

Session J 12:30 - 1:45

Location: Conference Room 123

Presenters

- Kristen Giberson (krgiberson@rsu10.org)
- Maggie Corlett (mcorlett@rsu10.org)
- Heidi Ferguson (hferguson@rsu10.org)

Who will benefit most from this session?

- Primary grade educators (Pk-3)

Who else may benefit:

- Upper elementary educators (Grade 4-6)
- School Administrators

Session Description: This session will help participants see the possibilities available to implement Nature-Based Education in a public elementary school setting. We will cover: setting up the space, miscellaneous preparations, finding time in the schedule, connecting learning to Science and other subject standards, and involving the community.

How will participants engage in nature during your session? Participants will move outside during the session to brainstorm learning possibilities in an outdoor space.

Presenter Biographies

Kristen, Maggie, and Heidi teach Kindergarten at a public school in rural Maine. Two years ago they implemented a Nature Exploration program on the school campus. They found this work to be very rewarding for students and staff alike, and are excited to share the possibilities and helpful hints with others who dream of starting a similar program.