



# Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom

## *A Three-Day Summer Institute for Elementary School Teachers*

August 23, 24, 25, 2011 9am–3:30pm

Imagine your students investigating rich habitats and communities right outside your classroom! School grounds can provide an engaging context for integrating science, literacy and art.

### FACILITATORS

Carol Durnford – Consultant, AISI Inquiry/Science, Edmonton Catholic Schools

Jade Dodd – B.Sc. Environmental Educator

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When we think of inquiry, we usually think of students posing questions and exploring answers; however, inquiry-based learning is much more. It is an approach to learning and teaching that capitalizes on student curiosity and active participation in learning. It encourages collaboration and extends beyond the school walls. What better place to support inquiry-based learning than the natural outdoor spaces around your school? This program encourages participants to actively investigate, explore, and collect data for many curriculum outcomes and inquiry-based projects.

All summer institute participants receive a wealth of lesson plans, posters and other educational resources, as well as an outdoor classroom backpack filled with supplies and tools to facilitate outdoor investigations and greening projects.

### LOCATIONS

August 23 – St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, 490 Rhatigan Rd. E., Edmonton (Corner of Riverbend Road and Rhatigan Rd. E.)

August 24, 25 – Belgravia Elementary School, 11605-74 Ave.

### TO REGISTER

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