

Convergence of Nature and Play Symposium



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October 13-14, 2010
Botanical Garden Complex and Center
Springfield-Greene County, MO



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The Symposium brings together recognized experts in designing compelling play environments that inspire children to connect with nature while being physically active. The Symposium program will occur at the Botanical Garden Complex and Center in Springfield, MO, and transportation will be provided for on-site visits to a variety of National Demonstration Sites showing leadership in best practice design principles for schools, parks, trail facilities, and nature preserves.

Who Should Attend?

- Park & Recreation Professionals
- Education & School Administration
- Environmental Educators
- Landscape Architects & Design Professionals
- Others who are interested in promoting play and environmental education

Symposium events will be hosted at the newly opened Botanical Garden Center and Complex in Springfield-Greene County, MO, a facility recognized for excellence in sustainable design and promoting children's interaction with nature. Shuttle transportation will be provided free of charge for all Symposium attendees between the Doubletree lobby and Botanical Garden Complex and Center. Shuttles will be provided at 7 and 7:45 a.m. on both days and will return attendees to the hotel at the end of each day.

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Springfield-
Greene County
Park Board and
Springfield K-12
Public Schools
celebrate

NatureGrounds® National Demonstration Site.



Symposium Hosted at New
Botanical Garden Complex and Center
Springfield-Greene County, MO

This LEED Certified Facility demonstrates leadership
in environmentally sustainable design.

Agenda

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 - Botanical Gardens Center & Complex

7:30-8:30 Symposium Registration

8:30-10:00 Keynote Address: Children in Nature

Robin Moore, Director, Natural Learning Initiative, NC State University

10:00-11:00 Best Practice Demonstration Site

Join a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting event to celebrate and experience best practice design implementation of play at the Botanical Garden Complex and Center

11:00-12:00 Networking Lunch

12:00-1:45 Innovative Trails Systems that Engage Children & Families

*Robin Moore, Director, Natural Learning Initiative, NC State University
Terry Whaley, Executive Director, Ozark Greenways
Lisa Moore, Vice President, Corporate Strategic Services, PlayCore*

1:45-3:15 School-Park Partnerships: An In-depth Case Example of Excellence

*Jodie Adams, Director, Springfield-Greene County Park Board
Dr. Peggy Riggs, Deputy Superintendent, Springfield K-12 Pubic Schools*

3:15-4:30 Green & Environmental Management Systems

Jim Sluiter, Manager/Staff Ecologist, Audubon International

4:30-5:30 Reception & Networking

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Thursday, October 14, 2010 - Botanical Gardens Center & Complex

7:30-8:30 Registration & Information

8:30-11:00 On Site Tours: National Demonstration Sites

Guided tours at area school, park, trail facility, and nature preserve that feature National Demonstration Site best practice design principles and effectively converge nature & play. Explore planning, design, & sustainability outcomes.

11:00-11:30 Closing Session

Keynote Speaker



Robin Moore, Dipl. Arch., MCP

Director, Natural Learning Initiative
North Carolina State University

Robin Moore is a recognized expert in the design of play, learning, and educational environments. Pursuing his interest in integrating environmental design and child development for over 30 years, he has conducted a series of action-research projects. Moore has authored and published numerous works about children in nature, and he has held faculty appointments at UC Berkeley, Stanford University, and North Carolina State University.

Featured Speakers

Jodie Adams

Director, Springfield-Greene Co. Park Board

Bob Barron

Senior VP, Sales, GameTime

Lisa Moore

VP, Corporate Strategic Services, PlayCore

Dr. Peggy Riggs

Deputy Superintendent, Springfield K-12 Public Schools

Jim Sluiter

Manager/Staff Ecologist, Audubon International

Terry Whaley

Director, Ozark Greenways

Accommodations

Make your reservations at the
Doubletree Hotel before October 5th.

Price: \$109 per room plus tax

To Make Reservations, Contact:

Brittany Farmer, Group Sales Manager

Doubletree Hotel

Direct: (417) 799-1113

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E-mail: Brittany.Farmer@hilton.com



Doubletree Hotel
2431 N. Glenstone Ave.
Springfield, MO

The Doubletree Hotel Springfield, situated just off I-44 in the north Springfield suburban business corridor, offers contemporary full-service accommodations just minutes from Springfield-Branson National Airport. Complimentary parking and shuttle to/from the airport are available.

Registration

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Return Form and Payment to:

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(417) 864-1338

Symposium cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make check payable to Springfield—Greene County Park Board.

Please contact Anne-Mary McGrath to request special accommodations.

I plan to attend: Day One: Wednesday, October 13 Day Two: Thursday, October 14 Both Days

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

How did you hear about the Symposium? _____