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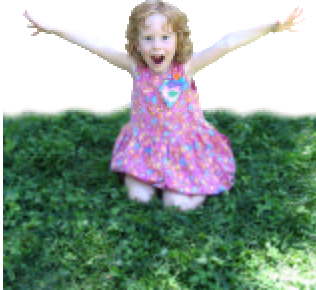
"Cultivating Sustainable Communities"

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July 4th and 6th
July 11th and 13th
July 18th and 20th
July 25th and 27th
August 1st and 3rd
August 8th and 10th

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Groovy Greenery and Funky Flowers
Slippery, Slimy, Goopy and Gross
Hidden Habitat Hulabaloo
Wacky Water Wizardry
Dirt and Dinosaurs

Unplug Your Kids This Summer With Expanded Nature Daycamps

Delta, BC – Children today are living in a plugged-in world, and most have little opportunity to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Children's lives are primarily lived indoors and, especially during the summer, plugged-in: watching the television, on the computer, in a classroom or riding in a vehicle. Today's environmental educators are concerned about children's decreasing involvement with nature and how all this 'indoor living' will affect their life and learning.

"Positive interactions with the natural environment are an important part of healthy child development," wrote author Ruth Wilson for ERIC Digest, "and these interactions enhance learning and the quality of life over the span of one's lifetime."

Spending time in a garden is a great way to teach children about nature. Every Tuesday and Thursday from July 4th to August 10th, DRS Earthwise presents Earthwise Eco-Kids Days at the McKittrick Earthwise Garden, where children can enjoy exciting environmentally-themed crafts, games, snacks and other eco-activities. The McKittrick Earthwise Garden is the perfect place for kids to stay cool in the summer heat while learning about the natural world around them.

"It's a great way for children to learn about the ecosystem we live in," says Christine Cummings, Program Manager at DRS Earthwise. "At the end of the day, children will go home with an understanding and appreciation of nature and their place in it."



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Eco-Kids Days are all about showing children the magic of nature, and the garden will help children discover this exciting world. With such a positive response last year, DRS Earthwise is expanding Eco-Kids Days to offer more dates and programs. The themes include 'Butterfly and Bug Bonanza', 'Groovy Greenery and Funky Flowers', 'Slippery, Slimy, Gooney and Gross', 'Hidden Habitat Hulabaloo', 'Wacky Water Wizardry' and 'Dirt and Dinosaurs'. The programs are for children aged 5-8, run from 10am-3pm Tuesdays and Thursdays and the cost is \$25 per child per day, or \$130 for all six themed days. For more information or to register, call 604-946-9828.

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