

# Save the Date!

Saturday, October 21, 2017 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Promising Practices in Nature- and Place-based Elementary Education

Symonds Elementary School 79 Park Avenue, Keene, NH

Join us for a new, day-long conference of educators who are redefining what's possible in elementary education. As we build school programs around place-based social studies, outdoor science lessons, Forest Fridays and more, we're connecting children to the natural world, local communities and big ideas. Antioch's popular **In Bloom** conferences have energized the nature-based early childhood movement, and participants have wondered, "What about the big kids?" **Inside–Outside** is our response.

We'll begin the day with a ceremonial opening, followed by a morning keynote. Breakout workshop sessions will follow, then lunch (on us)! The afternoon program consists of a second keynote and a second set of workshops from which to choose content of interest to you.

This conference is a collaborative event among the Department of Education at Antioch University New England, the Monadnock region Place-based Education Committee, the Harris Center for Conservation Education, The Caterpillar Lab, Symonds Elementary School and the Keene School District. It is made possible through funding from the George B. Storer Foundation.

# KEENE SCHOOL DISTRICT Symonds Elementary School



Place-based Education Committee







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#### **Registration Costs:**

Individual \$125

Group Rate \$100 each (3 people from same school)

AUNE Alumni \$75 AUNE Students \$50

For more information, contact Peg Smeltz in Continuing & Professional Education, msmeltz@antioch.edu, 603-283-2301.

Visit <a href="https://www.antioch.edu/new-england/event/inside-outside">https://www.antioch.edu/new-england/event/inside-outside</a> to register.

# **Morning Keynote:**

David Sobel and Jennifer Kramer

Place-based Education: A Year in the Life

David Sobel and Jennifer Kramer will illustrate curricula that integrate multiple subject areas through place-based projects.

#### **Afternoon Keynote:**

Ellen Doris

Once Upon a Time: Nature-Study in New England Schools, 1890–1930

A century ago, the nature-study movement transformed American schools. The Three Rs didn't disappear altogether, but tadpoles, forests and flower gardens became part of the curriculum as well. Trace the nature-study era to our present efforts in nature-based education to see how our early counterparts can inform, inspire and hearten us.

### Workshop Topics will include:

- Unearthing History: Using Cemetaries in a Place-based Curriculum
- Bird Nests
- Nature Writing
- Growing and Using Dye Plants with Kids
- Engineering that Combats Erosion
- Up Close and Personal: Investigating Local Woodlands
- Caterpillars
- · Decomposers: Nature's Recyclers

## Workshop Presenters will include:

- Paul Bocko, Antioch University New England, Keene, NH
- Jennifer Kramer, Guilford Elementary School, Guilford, VT
- Sam Sintros, Franklin Elementary School, Keene, NH
- Michelle Parrish, The Common School, Amherst, MA
- Betsy Bennett Stacey, Keene Middle School, Keene, NH
- · Orly Hasbani, The Academy School, Brattleboro, VT
- · Laura White, Chesterfield School, Chesterfield, NH
- Hannah Lindner-Finlay, Putney VT
- · Sam Jaffe and The Caterpillar Lab, Keene, NH