



AUGUST 25 - 27, 2026

NATURE EDUCATION RETREAT

 **Bill Mason Centre, Dunrobin**



We are inviting **30 K-8 Ottawa area teachers** for a **free Nature-based Education retreat** at the Bill Mason Centre. Over three days, participants will explore hands-on methods for teaching **biodiversity, climate change, and social-emotional learning** through the lens of the natural world. Educators will leave with the knowledge and confidence to incorporate Nature-based Education at their school, several printed resources, and Project WILD and Project Learning Tree certifications. All experience levels are welcome.

*Hosted by members of the
Nature Education Collective:*



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**For more information or to register, please
contact Jessy St Jean at j_stjean@ducks.ca**



Ottawa Nature Education Retreat

Draft Schedule

August 25 - Foundations of Nature-based Education (NbE)

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

- *Introduction to NbE*
- *Experiencing NbE and acquiring tools*
- *Connecting NbE to curriculum*
- *From Eco-Anxiety to Eco-Action*

August 26 - Planning and Implementation of NbE

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

- *Safety and Risk in NbE*
- *Wetland Field Trip*
- *Teaching Planning and Delivery*

August 27 - Leadership in NbE

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

- *Student Action: From Awareness to Efficacy to Action*
- *Self Leadership Action*
- *School Action*

Lunch is included. Schedule subject to change.



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