



Compiled Ideas and Resources for Take Me Outside Day 2018

No point in reinventing the wheel – there are tons of great resources for teachers to engage students outside. Here are just a few to get you started. If you have some favourites you want to share, we'd love to hear from you. Email info@takemeoutside.ca or post on Twitter <https://twitter.com/takemeoutside>

NatureBlitz in the Schoolyard: DIY Toolkit from Nature Canada

Our friends at **Nature Canada** have created the NatureBlitz Toolkit which provides an easy, Do-It-Yourself guide for educators to lead nature learning activities in the schoolyard. This free, kid-friendly toolkit includes resources, guidance, web-apps, activities and more, all aimed to help encourage students to explore nature and connect with it on their own terms. It is grounded in the natural sciences and ecology and can be incorporated in a variety of curriculum objectives.

You can download the NatureBlitz Toolkit here:

<https://e-activist.com/page/23560/data/1?ea.tracking.id=slider>

Sharing Nature by Joseph B. Cornell: Nature Awareness Activities for All Ages

If it's nature games you are into, there is no greater Nature Game Master than Joseph Bharat Cornell. You can find a bunch of his games here <https://www.sharingnature.com/nature-activities.html> and lots more in his book *Sharing Nature: Nature Awareness Activities for All Ages*, available here <https://www.sharingnature.com/books.html>. And many of the games are also recorded on YouTube which is a great way to see how they work.

Outdoor Learning & Play Lesson Plans from Evergreen

The innovative folks at Evergreen have a searchable database of lesson plans, some of which are also available in French.. The link will take you to the Tools and Resources page where you will find a search function with two categories: under 'Subject' click 'Outdoor Learning and Play' and under 'Resource Type' click 'Lesson Plans' and you'll be taken to a list of options that vary by theme and grade level from and how to conserve energy.

<https://www.evergreen.ca/tools-publications/?subject=286&type=290&page=1>

Hold a Fall Field Day

Don't forget the old fashioned Field Day activities for active fun outside – here are some ideas from PTO Today <https://www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/901-field-day-activity-ideas-by-age>