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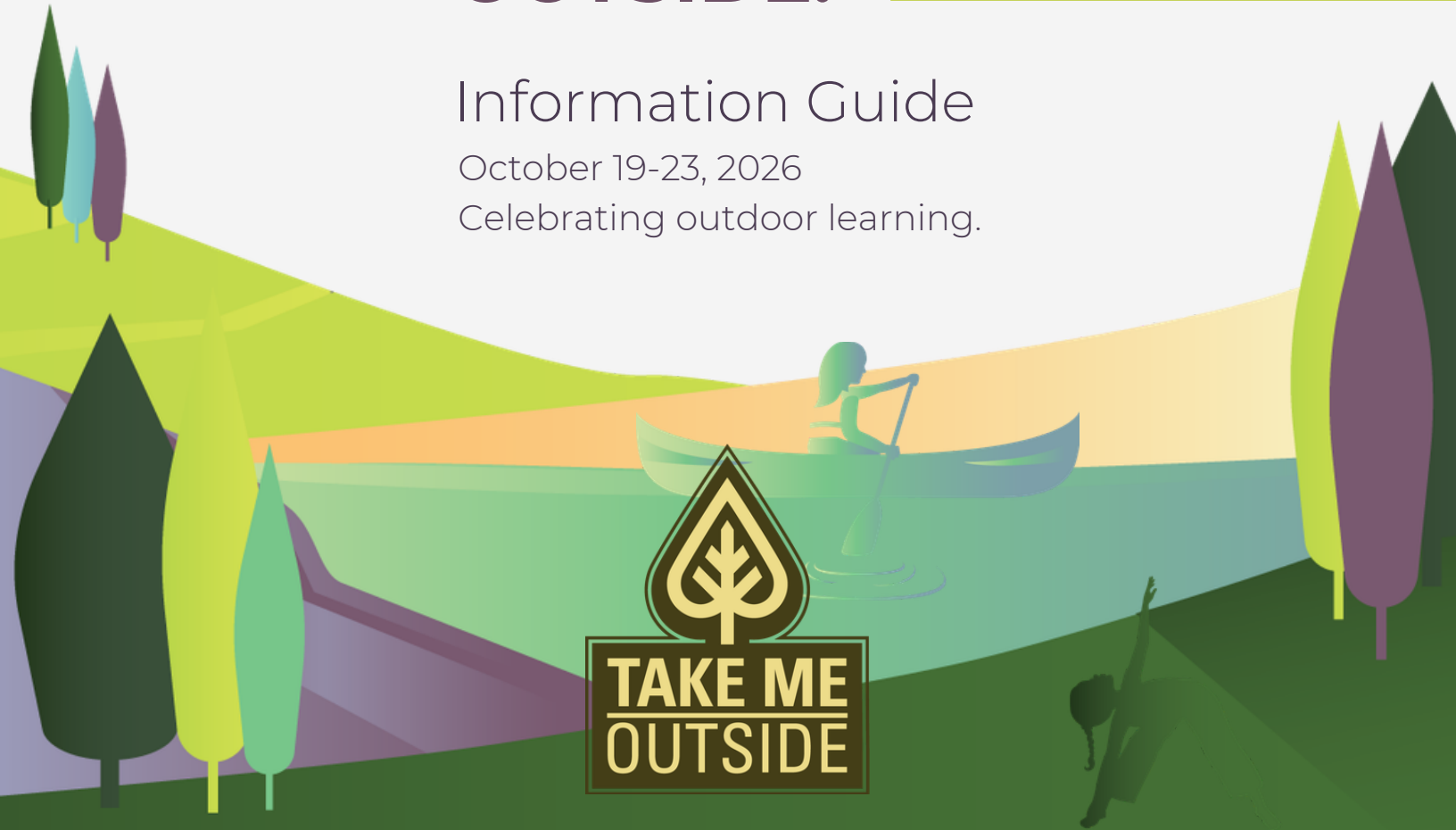
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Information Guide

October 19-23, 2026

Celebrating outdoor learning.



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Take learning beyond the four walls of the classroom.

Take Me Outside Day is Canada's national celebration of outdoor learning and a global invitation for educators and learners to discover the many ways learning can happen beyond the four walls of the classroom.

While **Take Me Outside Day** takes place on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, the celebration has grown in recent years into a full week of themed learning featuring live virtual speakers, virtual field trips, and curriculum connected outdoor learning activities. At the heart of the week, educators and learners around the world are encouraged to spend at least one hour learning outdoors.

Take Me Outside Day traces its roots back to 2011, when educator and outdoor learning advocate Colin Harris ran more than 7,600 kilometres across Canada, visiting over 75 schools and inspiring more than 20,000 students to reconnect with the outdoors.

After Colin completed his cross Canada run on October 25, 2011, Take Me Outside Day was established to honour that journey and the national conversation it inspired. Today, the movement engages hundreds of thousands of educators and learners each year, with participants joining from across Canada and around the world.



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REGISTRATION OPENS

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TAKE ME OUTSIDE WEEK

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COST TO PARTICIPATE

Free

Who Can Participate?

- Kindergarten-Grade 12 educators
- Early childhood educators
- Schools and school boards
- Outdoor learning organizations
- Community partners
- Families and caregivers



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HOPE GROWS OUTSIDE.

This year's campaign theme celebrates the incredible opportunities that outdoor learning creates for learners of all ages.

When we learn outdoors, we nurture curiosity, strengthen connections with nature and community, support health and wellbeing, and inspire hope for the future.

Whether it's one lesson outside or an entire week of learning, every outdoor experience helps learners discover that learning can happen anywhere.

Explore the Week



Monday, October 19

Begin the week by learning from Indigenous voices and exploring relationships with the land, place-based learning, and ways of knowing that deepen our understanding of the world around us.



Tuesday, October 20

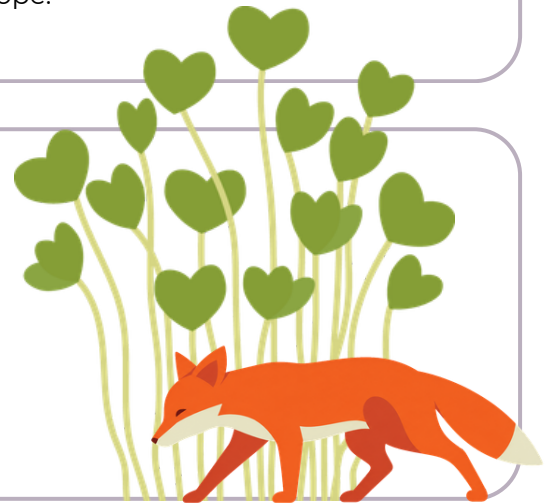
Explore the natural world through inquiry, environmental stewardship, and climate education that empowers learners with knowledge, action, and hope.



TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY

Wednesday, October 21

The heart of **Take Me Outside Week!** Join educators and learners across Canada by spending **at least one hour learning outdoors** and celebrating the many benefits of outdoor learning.



Thursday, October 22

Discover how outdoor learning supports physical, mental, emotional, and social wellbeing while encouraging movement, mindfulness, resilience, and joyful learning.



Friday, October 23

Celebrate the week's experiences, reflect on new learning, and explore ways to continue taking learning outdoors throughout the school year.



What You'll Experience

Featured speakers and the full program will be announced starting in late August.

Registered participants receive free access to:

- ✓ Inspiring live virtual speakers
- ✓ Interactive virtual field trips
- ✓ Classroom-ready resources
- ✓ Curriculum-connected outdoor learning activities
- ✓ A community celebrating outdoor learning
- ✓ Practical ideas for all grade levels
- ✓ Opportunities to win prizes and giveaways

Why Outdoor Learning Matters

Outdoor learning helps learners:

- Build curiosity, creativity, and confidence
- Strengthen connections with nature, community, and place
- Support physical, mental, social, and emotional wellbeing
- Bring curriculum to life through authentic, hands-on experiences
- Foster environmental stewardship and a sense of belonging
- Develop skills that support lifelong learning



2025 Campaign Impact

Together, we celebrated outdoor learning across Canada.

Thousands of outdoor learning experiences helped learners connect with nature, community, and each other.



655,000+
learners engaged



26,000+
educators participated

100+

partner organizations supported the campaign

