

# TOP TEN TIPS FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING



Getting outside with students has so many benefits and is especially beneficial during Covid 19. Here are some ideas to help get you and your class out the door.



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## 1 SAFETY FIRST

Have a safety plan and emergency protocols. Know them well

## 2 FIRST AID KIT AND CELL PHONE

Safety first!! Make sure you have a well stocked, portable first aid and know how to use it. Also, be sure to have a charged cell phone with numbers of school and staff you need to contact in an emergency.



## 3 SET BOUNDARIES

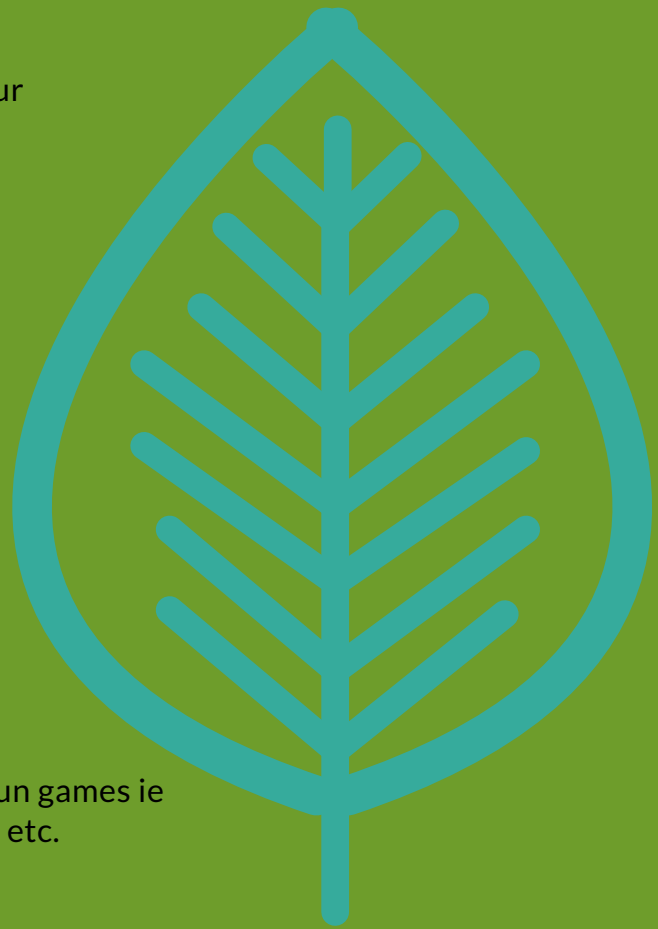
Set your outdoor boundaries and make sure your students know and respect them.

## 4 STUDENT CALL BACK

Have a clear call back for when your students need to return to you. Practice it lots, till they can all do it quickly and calmly.

## 5 SAFETY GAMES

Practice safety drills and procedures through fun games ie what to do when lost, encounters with animals, etc.



## 6 CHILD DRIVEN

Follow your students' interests, inquiries and curiosities.

## 7 FREE EXPLORATION

Always incorporate free exploration and time on their own to discover and explore.



## 8 SIT SPOTS

Sit spots with students is magic! Each child has their own sit spot and gets to choose it. Sit spots are for quiet reflection, noticing. While it may only be a few seconds at first, with regular and repeated exposure, it will become a critical piece of your groups outdoor time.



For more info, join our critical conversation *Getting Outside* on Thurs. October 1st at 3:30pm  
Zoom link below to join:

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/62916619627?pwd=STdpcFcyK2U3cGVuZUpHamJoai9OZz09>