

FOUNDATIONS IN *nature*

The Foundations in Nature program is a multi-sensory, play-based learning experience specifically designed for our youngest nature players. Babies and toddlers will be given the opportunity to explore, discover and experience an abundance of unique tones and textures with adults nearby to nurture their inquisitive spirit. This program evokes delightful engagement in the natural world and offers our littlest nature detectives the perfect environment to meet challenges, discover wonder and experience joy.

TARGET AUDIENCE

6 months to 4 year-old children

This program is suitable for child care centres, kindergartens, community groups and playgroups.

LINKS TO EARLY YEARS FRAMEWORK

Outcomes 1.2 / 2.1, 2.4 3.1, 3.2 / 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 / 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4

SKILL FOCUS

STEM thinking skills / problem solving / resilience / fine motor skills

STRUCTURE OF SESSION

- Our 60-minute session is tailored to meet the developmental needs of each age group
- Three separate sessions can be accommodated in a day

Your facilitator will introduce your session through song and story before transitioning to exploratory play, where children will be encouraged to explore alongside educators or caregivers.

Our suite of offerings develop affordance in nature through loose parts play and sensory play.

WHAT WE OFFER

Your session will include **three** [3] or **four** [4] of the following offerings:

Loose Parts Play – Using medium-size natural loose parts, children will build, explore and create.

Sensory Play - Children touch and explore a variety of textured and scented mediums while shaping a creation inspired by their imagination.

Perfumes and Potions - Little scientists can dip fingers [and toes] into the olfactory delights of nature's sweetest seasonal offerings. Explore the magical transition of solid to liquid using basic tools and our ultimate loose part: water.

Seed Bombs - Children discover the cool, earthiness of clay when sculpting seed 'bombs'. Watch the wonder of nature unfold after each rain with our mammoth sunflowers.

Stick Rafts - This floating challenge asks children to lash, thread and weave to build a miniature stick raft. Engineers will enjoy testing their creations and improving their design.

Leaf Threading - The colours of nature are impressive but easily overlooked. This experience blends the development of fine motor skills with a close connection to nature.

FEE STRUCTURE

Members \$300 [+GST] per session

Non-members \$350 [+ GST] per session

Additional sessions \$150 [+GST] per 60 minutes

Minimum spend of \$300 and travel surcharge may apply. A \$200 cancellation fee applies if your confirmed booking is cancelled without rescheduling.

HOW TO BOOK

Email the following information to schools@natureplaysa.org.au

- Name and address of your site
- Contact name, phone and email
- Year level and number of students
- Three preferred dates
- Three scheduling options for your 60-minute session[s] based on the structure of your school day i.e. before recess, after recess or after lunch

Confirmation and further information will be issued on receipt of your booking.

NEXT STEPS

On receipt of your booking, we will contact you to confirm your date and send detailed information about your program to help you prepare for the day. An invoice will be sent to you immediately following your excursion for payment within 14 days.