



Earth Is Our Home 2025/26 youth outdoor learning program

For whom:

The program is designed for children ages 7 - 12, but there is some flexibility on either side. Parent attendance for kids age 7 and up is not required but is welcomed. *Many parents choose to stay and sometimes these programs are as helpful for parents as for kids! We all need time in community outdoors.* For kids 6 and under, please plan to stay with your child throughout the program. If your child has special needs or requires extra one-on-one attention, please plan to stay with them to assist.

Schedule & participation:

The program will take place 9:30 am - 1:30 pm every other Wednesday throughout the school year.

Fall: September 10 - December 17

Winter/Spring: January 14 - May 20

Our expectation is that you will come each time; kids really benefit from getting to know each other and forming a learning community with continuity. Classes build upon each other and there is a progression of skills development. However you don't need to come for the whole year, and we are open to a different schedule of participation with advance communication.

Cost:

\$35 - 60 per child per day. Please assess what your family can pay and stretch a little to help others attend. The sliding scale is community-supported education.

Cancellation policy:

If you are not able to join, please let us know two days ahead of time. If you don't let us know, you will be charged for that session. MLLS will not run the program for fewer than 6 kids.

Food:

Children are expected to bring their own lunch and snacks. Many days our activities will involve local or wild food. On these days, the food we prepare will be shared by all as part of the lesson.

What to wear:

Dress kids to be outdoors the whole session; in the colder seasons this means layers, boots, hats, two pairs of mittens (they get wet!) and snow pants.

Parking and dropoff:

Maine Local Living School is located at 71 Lake Drive in Temple, ME. Parking is in a small lot beside the stream and bridge 150 yards down the hill from the MLLS sign. We will meet kids at the appropriate location at 9:30 and plan to walk in together. If you are late, please come in the driveway with your child and find the group.

Registration and forms:

[Register here!](#)

Then complete this [emergency contact and medical info form](#) for each child who will participate in the program. We must receive the completed form at least one day before their first time participating.

For more information:

Contact Chris Knapp, chris@mainelocalliving.org, 207-778-0318