



Come Celebrate the
**Week of the
 Young Child**



With Us As We Explore Science and Nature!

Please join us on Saturday April 9th from 8:30-3:30 as we start off the week with a mini-conference at CYFS, 1000 East High St. Charlottesville

Pre-registration is required. Register on line at www.cyfs.org or by phone 434-296-4118 ext. 241

| | Session A | Session B |
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| 8:30-10:30 | The Science of Art During this workshop we will be using familiar art experiences to explore the steps of the scientific process. Teachers will leave this training with a better understanding of how to reinforce key science concepts through regularly occurring activities within the childcare setting | Project Learning Tree Teachers of children ages three to six will learn how to increase the quantity and quality of their students' contact with nature and will be exposed to an array of developmentally appropriate materials developed by Project Learning Tree. Teachers will leave the workshop with a manual, a CD of songs to accompany the lessons, other print resources, and online information. If you have been looking for ways to increase early childhood science in your classroom, this is the workshop for you |
| 10:35-12:35 | Science with Infants and Toddlers Discover ways to support infants and toddlers in exploration of the world around them. Learn new ideas for including nature and science in the classroom | |
| 12:35-1:30 | Lunch – All groups (on your own) | |
| 1:30-3:30 | Science Activities <i>"I'm a good teacher/provider... except when it comes to Science."</i> This hands-on workshop will help alleviate your fears of science by becoming scientists ourselves and exploring a variety of experiments and discoveries. We will also touch on the role of the teacher in science and how to facilitate discovery experiences for young children. | Bringing the Outside In: How to Create Meaningful Nature Experiences in the Classroom Teachers will leave this training with a variety of ideas for creating, maintaining, using, and exploring natural collections with young children in a classroom setting. We will discuss the benefits of using natural materials, and get a chance to play a little bit... |

This mini-conference is sponsored by a partnership between Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS), the Virginia Master Naturalists, The Central Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children (CVAEYC), and the Albemarle Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension.

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