

PIEDMONT FOREST SCHOOL PRESENTS SUMMER FOREST SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

June 27-30, 2025 • Salem Lake Park
815 Salem Lake Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Join us for 4 days of Forest serenity in the middle of the city at Salem Lake Park in Winston-Salem, NC. With like minded folks, learn more about authentic Forest School practice led by Dr. Sheri Grace, PhD, Founder and Director of Piedmont Forest School (PFS). Sheri, in partnership with the Forest School Teacher Institute (FSTI), Founded by Dr. Jean Lomino, PhD, will guide you in the first phase of your preparation to be a Forest School Practitioner.

Participants will gain Forest School skills, knowledge, and inspiration in areas including:

- Emergent Curriculum (Authentic Play and Self-Directed Education in nature-based programs)
- Authentic Forest School characteristics
- Inclusive Neurodevelopmentally attuned Nature Play Facilitation
- Observation and Authentic Assessment Strategies
- Mindfulness Practices and Community Routines
- Place Based Education and Culturally Responsive Practices in Forest School
- Nature Journaling
- Naturalist Identity
- Bushcraft

This training intensive will feature optional observations of children at PFS on Friday, 6/27 from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. There will also be designated training time for practice and discussion on Monday, 6/30 from 8 AM - 2 PM. Our current Learning Partners (experienced naturalists) will also be on hand to lead training participants into a deeper understanding of general ecology, developing observation skills, and learning field identification of local flora and fauna.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

April 21st - 23rd
FSTI Online Pre-training

6 PM - 7:30 PM: Introduction to Forest School Online Course through FSTI

June 27th
Introduction to PFS

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM: Optional Observation and Tour of PFS (Extra fee)
1:30 PM - 4 PM: Break
4 PM - 6 PM: Regular Session

June 28th
Routine, Emergent Curriculum, and Other Essentials

9 AM - 12 PM: Regular Session
12 PM - 1 PM: Lunch
1 PM - 5 PM: Regular Session
6 PM: Optional networking Cookout and Campfire

June 29th
Multicultural Considerations and Nature Connection

9 AM - 10 AM: Optional networking Breakfast
10 AM - 12 PM: Regular Session
12 PM - 1 PM: Lunch
1 PM - 5 PM: Regular Session

June 30th
Practice and Discussion

8 AM - 12:30 PM: Observation, Practice and Assessment
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch and Discussion
1:30 PM - 2 PM: Q&A Discussion

To be scheduled
Post Training Synchronous

6 PM - 9 PM: Online hybrid Graduation Portfolio Presentations

PARTICIPANT BENEFITS:

- Introduction to Forest School online course is included and required with this registration. This should be completed before the June training.
- A FSTI Certificate of Completion for 30+ hours of Forest School Teacher Training.
- Opportunities for networking and inspiration with other attendees.
- Hands on experience in the nitty gritty of leading Forest School sessions.
- Personal benefits of time spent in Nature.

IN-PERSON TRAINING FEE:

- \$850 for 3.5 days of training
- \$150 for the pre-training observation opportunity on 6/27/25

\$100 Early Bird Discount -- Must apply by April 14, 2025

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: JUNE 13, 2025

Minimum Participants: 8

Maximum participants: 20

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