

**Registration will begin May 15th,  
2012**

See the website  
[www.naturesummitmb.com](http://www.naturesummitmb.com) for a  
link to the registration page.

*The next Nature Summit will be held on*

**September 14-16<sup>th</sup>,  
2012**

at Camp Manitou 850 Green Oaks Lane  
Headingly MB



*Keynote  
Speakers:*



**Severn Cullis-Suzuki** has been active in environmental and social justice work since kindergarten. In 1992, at age 12, she delivered a powerful speech, at the closing plenary session of the Rio Earth Summit, for which she gained worldwide attention.

Severn lives on the Pacific West coast archipelago of Haida Gwaii, where she lives in Skidegate with her husband and little boy and studies the Haida language. She hopes her pursuit of traditional and scientific knowledge and dedication to using her voice will help her promote a culture of diversity, sustainability and joy.



**Dr. Heather Hinam** is Second Nature's President and Chief Experience Officer. A highly-trained naturalist and experienced educator, artist, writer and scientist, she has published articles and blogs on nature's wonders and worked with dozens of volunteers with her research and in citizen science projects. She has also taught university-level ecology courses and public programs in both Manitoba and Alberta for groups ranging from school children to seniors. She is committed to developing and delivering experiences that will engage your senses and awaken your curiosity.

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**Proposed Workshops:** Geocaching, Citizen Science, Field Journaling, Fishing, Gardening, Art and Ecology, Eco-theatre, Literacy and Nature, Plant Identification, Nature Walks, Exploring Outdoor Classrooms, Scaffolding Observation Skills, Animal Behavior, and More!

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\*sample schedule subject to change

### Friday September 14th

**8:00am-9:30** Registration/ Resource Fair  
**9:30-10:30** Keynote Address: **Dr. Heather Hinam** - *Discovering Nature's Stories: the Power of Shared Experiences*  
**10:30-11:00** Nutrition Break/Resource Fair  
**11:00-12:30** Concurrent Workshops  
**12:30-1:15** Lunch  
**1:15-2:45** Concurrent Workshops  
**2:45-3:15** Campfire Nutrition Break  
**3:15-5:30** Sit-spot/Activity time (zip-line, biking, hiking, archery, obstacle course, etc.)  
**6:00** Dinner  
7:00 Blind Drum Stalks with Laura Reeves  
**8:00-??** Campfire Songs and Stories with Marc Battle and Kim Hanna

### Saturday September 15th, 2012

**8:00-9:30** Breakfast  
**9:00-10:00** Keynote Speaker: **Severn Suzuki**  
**10:00-10:30** Nutrition Break  
10:30-12:00 Concurrent Workshops  
**12:00-1:00** Lunch  
**1:00-2:45** Concurrent Workshops  
**2:45-3:15** Nutrition Break  
3:15-5:45 Sit-spot/Activity time (zip-line, biking, hiking, archery, obstacle course, etc.)  
4:30-5:30 Reflections on Norwegian ECEC with Stephanie De Sousa  
**6:00** Dinner  
**7:30** TBA

### Sunday, September 16th, 2012

**7:30-9:00** Breakfast  
**9:00-10:30** Closing  
**10:30-11:30** Packing/Clean-up party

“Going to the MNACC Nature Summit was an interesting and unique experience. I was taught many new ways of teaching with nature. Ellen Haas [Wilderness Awareness School] taught us about embracing nature with our curriculum. I use this theory in my planning all the time. With an experience as great as I had at the summit, I wish to come back again next time so I can learn much more and am able to bring it back to my centre and teach what I have learnt to others.” Doug Gauthier

## About the Nature Summit

Educators now understand that the solution to childhood obesity, and a disconnection to the natural world, is rooted in active nature education programs for children.

Schools are building outdoor classrooms, Adventure Playgrounds are growing increasingly common, Early Learning and Care Centres are planting gardens, and administrators are drafting policies about the importance of environmental education.

**These things should lead to children experiencing more quality time in green spaces.**

However, on the front lines we still see children being kept indoors because of inclement weather, limited nature experiences due to fears for safety, and teachers afraid to use outdoor classrooms because they themselves are uncomfortable leaving the indoors.

**How do we expect educators who are afraid of nature to pass on a sense of wonder to our children?**

**The Nature Summit is the answer.**

The Summit allows educators to immerse themselves in nature and rediscover their own sense of wonder. Participants of the Nature Summit will explore natural plants, taste wild liquorice, learn how to cook over an open fire, how to plant a container garden, and how to engage children by pretending they are animals in woodland games and much, much more. Summit workshops and experiences are hands-on opportunities to build skills that can be used in developing an effective nature education curriculum.

