

MEET THE CHALLENGE

June 4- June 15, 2012

MNACC has set June 4 - 15 as the Two Weeks Outdoors for 2012. This coincides with June 15 which the Child Nature Alliance has initiated (in Canada) as national "Nature Play Day".

For the second year in a row **Seven Oaks Child Day Care Centre Inc.** has jumped on board and is making plans to spend two weeks outdoors along with **Discovery Children's Centre**. Last year we had two groups of children, Budgies (2 and 3 year olds) along with the Robins (3 and 4 year olds) that successfully completed this challenge. Both of the groups are excited and looking forward to the adventures of an "Outdoor Child Care" again this year, with plans of enticing the other groups to the challenge".

While we have considered "outdoor plumbing" we have decided that children and staff will use indoor facilities, but napping,

meals and all other events will take place outdoors.

We have purchased a new tent, numerous tarps and very appropriate outdoor clothing such as 'head to toe' rain suits for the children. With all this nice weather it has been particularly wet and muddy in the yard and we have become accustomed to mud in everything, including seepage through the socks and in between the toes! Thank goodness for washing machines and daily baths!

*The world is
mud-luscious and
puddle-wonderful.
~ ee cummings ~*



We invite others across the city, the province and across Canada to join us in meeting the challenge of getting our children back to nature and revel in the simple pleasures of being outdoors.

