

Outdoor and Nature-Based Learning

Gear for All Kinds of Weather



- Hat that shades the ears
- Lightweight clothing to protect from the sun
- Child safe sunscreen
- Water bottles/access to drinking water
- Some children with light sensitivities may benefit from sunglasses



- Waterproof pants or bibs, rain suit with a hood, or a full-body waterproof suit *one-piece suits are great for infants and toddlers
- Rubber boots
- Warm clothing for under rain gear for when it is colder



- Waterproof winter suit, coat, pants/bibs, or one-piece suit
- Sturdy winter boots with good traction
- Waterproof mittens - mittens keep fingers warmer than gloves that separate fingers
- Warm hat that covers the ears
- Face mask (scarves with long ends can get caught on things)

Sourcing Gear:

Access to appropriate gear can be a barrier for some families. Things to consider:

- Ask parents to make donations of outgrown clothing
- Starting a gear donation and exchange event
- Provide backup gear for families to borrow when needed
- Thrift stores can be a good place to find low-cost gear
- Fundraising can help with the purchase of more expensive things like full-body rainsuits, and often costs can be reduced when purchased in bulk