



Dear Parents and Guardians,

To celebrate the wonderful engagement we've seen over the past two years of Nature in Your Neighborhood, we're excited to announce the new Nature in Your Neighborhood (NIYN) Learning Series! As part of this program, children will:

1. **Attend at least 10 NIYN Summer Programs** 🏡
 - These are fun, hands-on activities that connect kids with nature and inspire learning through art & play!
2. **Write a Reflective Essay** 📝
 - Each child will write a short essay about their summer experience, sharing what they learned, their favorite activities, and special moments.
 - For younger kids, they can draw their reflection, and an adult can add a few sentences describing their work.
3. **Participate in a Collaborative Art Project** 🌳
 - Each child will decorate a leaf for our Community Tree, with the front featuring their art and the back a short note about what nature means to them. We've attached printouts of different leaf shapes for you to use!

Participants will track their progress with a punch card. Those who complete the program will receive a prize pack at our end-of-summer party! The Community Tree will be displayed there to showcase everyone's contributions.

We can't wait to learn, play, and grow with you this summer! Thanks for your continued support and curiosity 🍀

Warmly,

Constance & Chelsea
Neighborhood Nature Programmers

For questions or more information, please contact us at cbrown4@lexingtonky.gov & cpretz@lexingtonky.gov!

