



Outdoor Classroom Summary Sheet

Implementation plan

- ▶ Start small (short and long-term plan)
- ▶ Consult with proper channels for your program
- ▶ Gather materials and people power
- ▶ Designate areas of space and boundaries (think similarly to your indoor classroom)
- ▶ Develop outdoor curriculum and maintenance plan
- ▶ Put ideas into practice and adjust as needed
- ▶ Keep things simple – rotate materials every few weeks and keep outdoor staples
- ▶ Gradually build to continue to transform your outdoor space!

Additional Resources

- ▶ Local programs and resources
- ▶ Outdoor Learning Environments (OLE! Texas)
- ▶ The Outdoor Classroom Project
- ▶ Sustainable Food Center
- ▶ Partner in Education, Agriculture, and Sustainability (P.E.A.S.)
- ▶ EcoRise
- ▶ 4-H CAPITAL/Travis County AgriLife Extension
- ▶ Keep Austin Beautiful
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Texas Parks and Wildlife
- ▶ Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- ▶ Growing Up Wild



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▶ Ask yourself:

- ▶ What natural elements can be easily added?
- ▶ Does the space promote development across all major domains?
- ▶ Can children freely explore and engage with nature on a daily basis?
- ▶ Are there areas that promote various learning styles and personalities?
- ▶ Are the materials safe for all ages in the space?
- ▶ How do you as a teacher promote deeper learning and curiosity outdoors?
- ▶ How can you bridge your indoor and outdoor spaces?