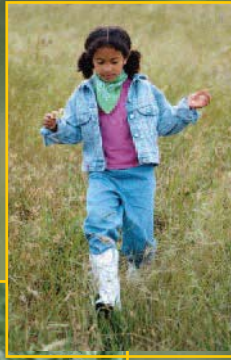


Children, Nature and Us

A Two-Day Conference for Parents
October 25-26, 2008 • Boulder, Colorado



Deepen your connection with nature and learn intriguing ways to share these joys with your children. Become part of the movement for “no child left inside” and help eliminate “nature-deficit disorder.”

Join more than **250 parents** at **35 workshops** on nature and family life, Waldorf education, and home schooling.

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SATURDAY, October 25, 2008

8:00 am Registration opens. Visit the vendors!

9:00 am Finding Our Voices
— Singing with Carma Feigal

9:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks
— Rahima Baldwin Dancy

9:45 am – 10:45 am Keynote Address:

“Sharing the Joy of Nature” ~ Joseph Cornell

Phrases popular today, such as “Nature Deficit Disorder” and “No Child Left Inside,” reflect a growing awareness of the importance of nature for a generation of children deprived of physical activity and outside play, both at school and at home. Joseph Cornell, author of the pioneering works *Sharing Nature with Children* and *Listening to Nature*, will share from 25 years of developing inspiring nature activities you can use to deepen your family’s experience and relationship with nature. He will also include uplifting stories and insights from the lives of great nature mystics, including John Muir, Henry David Thoreau, and others.

11:15 am - 12:45 pm — Choose one “A” Session:

A1. Deepen Your Experience with Nature

Joseph Cornell ~ In this practical workshop, Joseph will share many inspiring activities and nature meditations you can use to deepen your experience and relationship with nature. The workshop will include guided imagery activities, storytelling, music, and the Flow Learning™ method, an innovative teaching strategy for sharing with others the highest inspiration nature offers.

A2. The Dynamic Nature of Life: What Plants Can Teach Us.

Craig Holdrege ~ All too easily we overlook the plant world around us. It has many lessons for us—about transformation, adaptability and living in harmony with the environment. In this workshop participants will experience examples of plant growth and transformation that can help us develop more dynamic and context-sensitive ways of viewing and interacting with nature.

A3. Gardening as a Pathway to Understanding Nature

Chris Korrow ~ An organic/biodynamic garden is a miniature ecosystem in which the gardener strives to mimic the workings of nature. Gardens vary greatly from location to location, and understanding your specific plot will give you insight as to the best way to deal with its uniqueness. These simple concepts are also a great aid in teaching children about gardening, biodiversity, soil science, the environment and even climate change. This workshop will begin with the showing of a short version of Chris’ PBS film, *Garden Insects*.

A4. Tree Climbing and Rolling Down the Hill: The best playground for developing healthy sensory integration.

Nancy Blanning ~ Outdoor play in the natural world has supported sensory development for ages, and we need to reclaim this connection. This workshop will explore the senses of touch, self-movement and balance and ways to use the natural world as our playground for children’s healthy development.

A5. Cooking with Nourishing Traditions

Dianne Koehler ~ We will review the core nutritional principles taught by Sally Fallon and The Weston A. Price Foundation. Then learn the practical steps you can take in order to include these nutrient-dense foods in your family’s everyday diet.

A6. Introduction to Compassionate Communication

John Cunningham ~ This will be a brief hands-on introduction to the practice of Compassionate (Nonviolent) Communication and how it might support you in your family life. [NVC was developed by Marshall Rosenberg; it can change your life. —Rahima]

A7. Connecting the Heart and Soul of Nature: Fairy Tales and Wisdom Stories.

Cheryl Mulholland ~ Images from nature such as the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly can become wisdom teaching that connect us to the soul of nature. Traditional legends and fairy tales also reveal this secret heart of Mother Earth. This workshop will explore traditional teaching stories as well as basic techniques to craft stories from everyday experiences to nurture our children with the wisdom and love of Mother Earth.

A8. Greening in Groups

Pete Chandler and Diane Dandeneau ~ Explore ways in which schools, churches, home schooling co-ops, etc. can play an important role in the larger climate action effort. We will present practical ways to raise awareness, educate and involve groups of people in climate change solutions.

A9. What is EarthSchooling?

Kristie Karima Burns ~ The new generation of eclectic schoolers considers the entire earth their school. Some travel the USA or the world or have a classroom outdoors. Some of us are homeschooling so we can be “closer to nature and its maker” and some are using an environmental or earth-based curriculum. Explore many options for creating your own “ideal school” that will fit the unique needs of your family, from part-time to full-time to after-school or weekend enrichment activities.

12:45 pm Catered Lunch included with registration

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Keynote Address:

“The World is a Bigger Place than We Think It Is” ~ Chris Korrow

There is a reason why Jesus spent forty days in the desert, and why Buddha sat under the bodhi tree. In nature, concepts such as time, money, responsibility, worthlessness, PhDs, etc. don’t exist. Within nature’s grace, we have the opportunity to redefine our relationship with these concepts. Through work and contemplation in nature, Chris has found that *how we perceive our knowledge gives us the opportunity for wisdom*. He will bring nature inside through a series of stories of his experiences

in nature, demonstrations, and interactions with the audience, sure to give you a different view of our place in this world.

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm — Choose one “B” Session:

B1. Sharing Nature with Others

Joseph Cornell ~ Experience many nature awareness games from Joseph’s *Sharing Nature* books. These innovative nature activities make learning fun, meaningful and deeply inspiring. Activities from the Earth Stewardship program, *Journey to the Heart of Nature*, and from Flow Learning™ can encourage individuals in group-settings to have their own profound experience of nature.

B2. Harvest of a Quiet Heart: Bounty Beyond Measure

Sharon Lovejoy ~ Learn how to use a garden as a springboard for interdisciplinary learning with children, and to instill an awareness, respect and love for the natural world.

B3. The Giraffe’s Long Neck: From Evolutionary Fable to Whole Organism.

Craig Holdrege ~ By providing a picture of the giraffe’s biology and ecology, Craig will discuss the complex and controversial issue of evolution. He states, “The debate concerning evolution, intelligent design, and creationism is framed largely by dogmatic points of view and is highly polarized. In contrast, the Goethean-phenomenological approach provides a fresh, open-ended perspective by acknowledging the facts that speak for evolutionary patterns, while avoiding pitfalls of the all-too-simple explanations of contemporary Darwinism.

B4. How to get your child to do what you want without talking yourself to death.....

Nancy Blanning ~ When we really pay attention to the nature of young children—they are doers, not listeners—we can unlock a great secret for less-stressful parenting. This practical workshop will focus on children as little people of “will.” If we can get them moving, then we can guide them, kindly, gently and respectfully.

B5. Compassion Begins with Self-Compassion

John Cunningham ~ Often we need to be understood and heard before we can be fully present for one another and our children. In this session we will focus on the practice of self-empathy, or self-compassion as the foundation for shifting the culture in our families and schools.

B6. Inner Nature: The Four Elements and the

Temperaments. *Cheryl Mulholland* ~ The four elements also appear within human nature as our temperament, with each person expressing an affinity towards earth, air, fire and water in how they think, feel and act in life. Understanding the temperaments can improve our relationships and parenting and help us guide our children with their strengths and weaknesses.

B7. Birding by Ear

Skot Latona ~ Increase your awareness and fun in nature! We will start with learning how to hear, categorize and remember songs, and then review some of the “groups” like the namesayers, the high-pitchers, the trillers.

B8. Tracking and Nature Awareness

Neal Ritter ~ While so many of nature’s magnificent animals are elusive and wary, their story on the trail enhances our outdoor experiences. We will cover identification, gait interpretation, aging, and other skills to amaze your children.

5:15 pm Sessions End

SUNDAY, October 26, 2008

8:00 am Registration opens. Visit the vendors!

9:00 am Finding Our Voices
— Singing with Carma Feigal

9:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

— Rahima Baldwin Dancy

9:45 am – 10:45 am Keynote Address:

“The Sky Starts at your Feet: Nature from a Child’s View”

~ *Sharon Lovejoy*

See the world through the fresh and eager eyes of a child and learn how to enchant and enlighten them through Sharon’s formula of the *Five S’s*. Sharon will share a collection of simple techniques for learning with children, not teaching at them.

11:15 am – 12:45 pm — Choose one “C” Session:

C1. One-on-One with Sharon Lovejoy

Bring your questions and share ideas in this informal discussion and question and answer workshop with Sharon where she can go into more details, provide specific examples, and offer suggestions to the particular needs of participants. Get your questions answered and learn from the examples for others.

C2. Can We See with Fresh Eyes? Replacing Habits of Abstract Thought.

Craig Holdrege ~ Do we encourage our children to enjoy the night sky, or do we explain how many light years away those stars are? To help our children have deep experiences of the world, we need to overcome our tendency to over-intellectualize—to explain and define. Can we learn to hold back, provide opportunities for quiet observation, and portray the world with open-ended concepts that can grow as children grow?

C3. Green Living = Creative Living

Chris Korrow ~ How can we create a Green Lifestyle for ourselves and our families in this society? All of a sudden it’s trendy to be green. Why? Because it simply makes sense. We begin to see that “Green” is simpler: fewer bills, more time, better health and being less influenced by a fluctuating economy.

C4. Your Connection, Their Connection

Jill Dreves ~ Explore your connection to the natural world and how it impacts your child’s. Based on the work of Richard Louv (*Last Child in the Woods*) and the work of the Wild Bear Center in Nederland, Jill will share the current trends and important research on the importance of connecting children with nature. We will make a biodome, a great project to do with your children.

C5. Fairies and Gnomes?? Developing Your Relationship with the Elemental World of Nature.

Mary Baggott ~ Why are the elemental nature beings, such as gnomes and fairies, talked about in Waldorf early childhood and why would you want to develop your relationship to them? Mary will present ways to consciously deepen your feeling life with nature and will share a puppet play based on “Little Folk’s Winter’s Tale,” which can be used as an Advent celebration for younger children.

C6. Celebrating Trees!

Susan Kaplan ~ Folk and biographical tales will inform and inspire your understanding of trees and those who have defended them across the world. Learn how to use storytelling to teach children how to stand up for and protect our environment.

C7. The Role of Needs in Establishing Compassionate Boundaries. *John Cunningham* ~ We will explore the vocabulary of needs as a basis for getting clear about boundaries in our lives, whether with each other or with our children.**C8. Reverence for Nature—First Beginnings**

Esther Leisher ~ Delight in nature begins in the small child with the mood you set through the tender touching of a leaf or a tree trunk, or your delight in an awkward beetle. We will consider where to begin and how to build from there, focusing on 1-5 year olds. Handouts will include a CD with songs and verses.

C9. Brain Gym and Nature

Jeannette Abshire ~ Help your child develop and reconnect neural pathways the way nature does, through movement. This class will offer a road map to completion of developmental skills in all ages through movement, play and art. Learn simple, fun and effective tools to improve physical coordination, concentration and memory while reducing stress.

12:45 pm Catered Lunch included with registration

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Keynote Address:

“Manipulating Nature: The Trouble with Genetically-Modified Food” ~ *Craig Holdrege*

Much supermarket food contains ingredients from genetically engineered crops—and none of it is labeled. What are genetically engineered plants and what is this new technology doing to agriculture and our food supply? What are the unintended effects that genetic manipulations may be having on life and the environment? Craig will share underlying concerns about the present-day widespread, commercially driven application of genetic engineering.

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm — Choose one “D” Session:

D1. At Home in Nature: Your Own Back Yard

Chris Korrow ~ We are not as separate from nature as we might think. If you have a backyard, chances are there is more happening than you could have imagined! We will explore examples of biodiversity that kids can really understand through a vignette of several subjects: water, soil, plant kingdom, animals and insects, tying these subjects together and delving into those in which participants are most interested.

D2. Stories for Earth Stewards

Gina Abegg ~ We will share oral stories and beautiful literature grounded in reverence for the interdependence of life.. Suggestions will be given to enrich these stories through poetry, music, gardening, nature awareness, service projects and creating family traditions.

D3. From Morning Walk to Herbal Riches

Joy Kemna ~ The wild plants growing near us are often exactly what our bodies need. This session will demonstrate how a morning walk can yield herbal medicines and foods to nourish body, mind and spirit. Topics include plant identification, recipes for wild food feasts, healing salves and syrups, and ways to create main lesson or enrichment work through observation, art and book work.

D4. Mothers Acting Up to Preserve Our Planet!

Beth Osnes and MAU Staff ~ Learn how to move from concern to action on your most passionate concerns facing the environment. Mothers Acting Up inspires mothers and others by providing the inspiration, invitation and engagement to identify yourself and your family as agents of change. Learn some tools for effectively advocating for our planet while including children.

D5. The Bio-Dynamic Farm—Renewal for People and Nature. *Jim Barausky* ~ The Bio-Dynamic farm utilizes methods that go beyond “organic” to renew, enhance and enliven nature. This workshop will introduce the principles of Bio-Dynamic agriculture, developed by Rudolf Steiner, as a model for right living, wise eating and good health for all living creatures.**D6. The Seasons of a Woman’s Fertility**

Tara King ~ We will explore the ways our natural rhythms and cycles link us to Nature. Through dialogue and a creative project, we will share the changes during each phase of a woman’s fertility (puberty/menarche; adulthood/menstruation; crone time/menopause). We will also discuss practical ideas for honoring daughters in the transition from childhood into maidenhood.

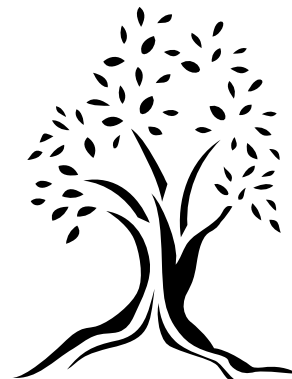
D7. Revitalizing in Nature

Cook Rodgers ~ Before driving home, spend some time actually being in nature. Practice the arts of Cavorting, Contemplating, Creating and Calming in nature at Wildflower, Cook’s outdoor teaching and therapy space, just 3 minutes from Shining Mountain (meet in front of Linden Hall to go over together).

D8. Painting with Natural Pigments

Gelsey Malferrari ~ Learn to make pigments from natural materials such as herbs and vegetables, and make pigment binders from materials in your kitchen. We will go back to the roots of art and learn the full process, from gathering pigments to creating a painting.

5:15 pm Conference Ends—Have a Safe Trip Home!



Our Distinguished Faculty

Keynote Speakers

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Craig Holdrege spearheaded the founding of The Nature Institute in Ghent, NY in 1998 and serves as its director. His areas of study include philosophy and biology, and he worked for many years as a high school biology teacher in Waldorf Schools in Germany and the United States. Since the 1990's, Craig has been involved in teacher training and mentoring high school science teachers and has given many courses for adults in a phenomenological and experiential approach to nature study and biology. He has written numerous pieces on genetic manipulation of life, including *Beyond Biotechnology: The Barren Promise of Genetic Engineering* (University of Kentucky Press, 2008). Craig is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in sustainability education from Prescott College, Arizona. See www.natureinstitute.org.

Workshop Presenters

Gina Abegg, is storyteller who has been involved with early childhood education for over 30 years as a teacher and adult educator. Through The Compassionate Way Consulting, she provides in-class activities, and parent and staff workshops on the child in nature, creating the outdoor classroom, and teaching peaceful values.

Jeannette Abshire, BS, MA, is a certified Educational Kinesiologist and president of Glenwood Tutorial Services. The parent of 3 boys, she has

been working with learners of all ages for over 20 years. She teaches brain gym throughout Colorado, stressing the importance of holistic ed. **Mary Baggott** is a former Waldorf kindergarten teacher who currently works in parent education privately and with local organizations. She has taken the Therapeutic Education Course at Steiner College and led classes in puppetry and doll making for adults and children.

Rahima Baldwin Dancy is an early childhood educator and author of *You Are Your Child's First Teacher* on Waldorf indications from birth through age six. She is the organizer of these conferences, held each year in Fair Oaks and Boulder. She also is codirector of Rainbow Bridge LifeWays Program for children 1-5 years old, in north Boulder.

Jim Barausky is a biodynamic farmer and Waldorf teacher who has trained in England and Germany and worked in Camphill Villages. He is currently consulting on several projects in CO and CA through Goodfarmers Services and loves to teach and farm in community.

Nancy Blanning is the educational support/therapeutic teacher at the Denver Waldorf School. She also does therapeutic consulting work, Waldorf teacher training and mentoring. She is coauthor of *Movement Journeys and Circle Adventures* for early childhood.

Kristie Karima Burns is a teacher, healer and artist who did Waldorf home schooling and enrichment for many years with her family and community. She offers many visual and audio resources for homeschooling parents at www.thewaldorfchannel.com.

Pete Chandler is director of The Green Heart Schools Program at the Green Heart Institute. He is also a certified Building Biology Environmental Consultant, a home performance auditor with Energy Start, and a parent and board member at Shining Mountain Waldorf School.

Joseph Cornell is a keynote speaker; see information at left.

John Cunningham is a former Waldorf teacher who trained with Marshall Rosenberg, developer of Nonviolent Communication (NVC). John is dedicated to sharing compassionate communication with the Waldorf community and offers workshops and courses throughout the country.

Diane Dandeneau is Executive Director of Green Heart Institute (formerly ConservED Project) and Colorado Interfaith Power and Light, organizations that inspire people to address climate change through connection and action. She was selected for training by Al Gore's The Climate Project and has facilitated group discussions throughout Colorado on *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Jill Dreves is founder and Executive Director of Wild Bear Center for Nature Discovery in Nederland (www.wildbear.org). She taught public elementary school for 9 years and is the mother of two boys, 4 & 9.

Carma Feigal has a BA in vocal music performance and has directed and performed with several choirs. She sings every day with her White Dove kindergarten class at Shining Mountain.

Craig Holdrege is a keynote speaker; see information at left.

Susan Kaplan, MSW, is a professional storyteller and social worker. Through her coaching and training practice, Balance and Harmony, Susan teaches a range of skills for personal, family and communal life.

Joy Kemna shares her skills as gardener and herbalist with children at both Gateway Community Apprenticeship Program and Shepherd Valley Waldorf School's Summer Camp. Healing the earth and its creatures through this work is, for her, a devotional practice. She loves to share the healing offered by the "weeds" growing in our own backyards.

Tara King, M.Ed., Waldorf parent, birth and parenting educator, works with women of all ages regarding the female fertility cycle, facilitates Coming of Age studies for several local youth development programs, and teaches middle and high school health classes.

Dianne Koehler, MNT is a Master Nutrition Therapist and Herbalist. Her practice is based on the nutritional principles introduced by Dr. Weston A. Price, which provide the inspiration behind Sally Fallon's book, *Nourishing Traditions*.

Chris Korrow is a keynote speaker; see information at left.

Skot Latona is the Supervisor of Park Interpretation for South Platte Park, an 880-acre natural area in Littleton. Skot is a Certified Interpretive Guide and Trainer and in 2005 was recognized as the Master Front-line Interpreter for the Rocky Mountain Region.

Esther Leisher, mother of four grown children, gives workshops that integrate Waldorf values into daily family life. She lives in the mountains of New Mexico and is active in the Waldorf school opening in Albuquerque.

Sharon Lovejoy is a keynote speaker; see information at left.

Gelsey Malferrari is a Waldorf graduate who went on to study education, art and cultural studies, receiving a BA before cofounding The Laughing Coyote Project at Windrose Farm in Lafayette.

Cheryl Mulholland has been a eurythmist and Waldorf class teacher and worked as the Educational Director for Hedgerow Farms in Boulder and Rio Grande Community Farms in NM. She is a skilled storyteller, craftsperson, herbalist and gardener and offers adult classes in Boulder on Sacred Dance, Biodynamic Agriculture and the Divine Feminine.

Beth Osnes is one of four friends who founded Mothers Acting Up in Boulder in 2002. She currently writes and performs all theatrical invitations within the MAU Live! program.

Neal Ritter graduated from Tara Performing Arts High School in 2005 and studied survival and tracking at the Tracker School and Wilderness Awareness School. In Fall, 2007 he cofounded the Laughing Coyote Project (www.laughingcoyoteproject.org).

Cook Rodgers, MS, is the director of Wildflower Therapies for Children, a staff member of Explora Nature-based Learning for Children, and an Animal-Assisted Therapist. She was a founding teacher of River Song Waldorf School in Ft. Collins.

Registration Information

Fees: See Registration Form on next page. US funds only, please! Visa and Mastercard accepted. Please make checks to Informed Family Life. Spouses/partners, grandparents and nannies are encouraged to attend with you for a reduced rate (not sisters or friends).

Refunds: A \$25 processing fee will be charged on all cancellations. The remainder will be refunded if requested more than 5 days before the conference; less than 5 days, the remainder will be credited toward CDs and DVDs.

Location: The conference will be held at Shining Mountain Waldorf School, 999 Violet Avenue in north Boulder. Directions will be provided with registration confirmation. If flying into Denver, there is bus and shuttle service to Boulder, if you don't want to rent a car.

Lodging for the Conference: The conference is held at Shining Mountain Waldorf School. We recommend the **Boulder Outlook Hotel** at 800 - 28th St. (near Hwy 36 from Denver) because of its commitment to zero waste. Mention "Informed Family Life" for the special rate of \$89/night plus tax for 1-2 adults (children under 12 stay free). There is a pool and continental breakfast. **Reserve by Sept. 25 at 303-443-3322.**

The nearest hotel, **Holiday Inn Express**, is offering us their group rate of \$120/night plus tax if you **reserve by Sept. 25th and mention "Informed Family Life."** They are located two blocks north of the school at 4777 N. Broadway. Phone (303) 442-6600.

Reserve hotel space early! If the hotel is full, please check the internet, or call us for suggestions of other nearby hotels.

Lunches and Snacks: Snacks during breaks will be available for purchase to benefit the 8th Grade Class Trip. Lunches, catered by PanAsia, are included with each adult registration; additional lunches can be purchased in advance for \$10 each (\$6 for children under 12). Sorry, we are unable to guarantee dairy-free main courses.

Childcare at the Conference: Nursing *in-arms babies* (only) are welcome at the talks and workshops as long as they are quiet. Small classrooms mean children older than babies, unfortunately, cannot be in sessions, so we have tried to provide children's programs, as well as several options for children who may never have been away from their parents:

- **We are happy to have two parents pay for one registration, trading off attending sessions and being with the children. Please note this on your registration form and remember to purchase an extra adult's and children's lunches.**
- Or your child and caregiver (spouse or babysitter) can be at Shining Mountain, where there are several playgrounds, as well as adjoining parks and open space. No charge except for extra lunches. Unfortunately, we don't have room for your caregiver to be with your child in the children's programs.
- We can provide the following children's programs. **Sign up early, as programs fill.** The cost is \$35/child/day (children eat with parents and lunches are additional; snacks are provided).
 - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3)
 - Kindergarten (3-5 years)
 - Waldorf storytelling, crafts, and nature activities (Two groups: ages 6-7 and 8-11)
- Children 12 and older are invited to help by working in the childcare rooms and will be paid \$80 for the two days. Call to inquire about availability, (303) 546-0070.
- If coming from a distance, make it a family trip to Boulder and take advantage of the many family activities in the area.
- Or leave the children at home with relatives, so one or both of you can really focus your attention.
- Local people, please try to leave room at the school for out-of-town guests.

Continuing Education Units are available for early childhood educators—after the conference call or e-mail us for a certificate.

Can't Attend or Want More? Order these CDs and DVDs:

Recordings from the "Children, Nature and Us" Conference in California:

Sharing the Joy of Nature and Flow Learning (DVD)

~ Joseph Cornell #VD04, \$20

Sharing Nature with Others (CD)

~ Joseph Cornell, #AW34, \$12.50

The Greening of Story (DVD)

~ Suzanne Down, #VW10, \$20

Creating a "KinderGarden" for Young Children (DVD)

~ Betty Peck, #VK08, \$20

Gardening with Children: The Waldorf Curriculum (CD)

~ Carolyn Brown, #VAW12, \$12.50

Nurturing Love and Reverence for Nature with Our Children (CD) ~ Nancy Poer #VAW13, \$12.50

Creating Play Spaces for Young Children (CD)

~ Simone DeMarzi #AW36, \$12.50

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~ Daena Ross #AW35, \$12.50

Other Workshops by Boulder Presenters:

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication (DVD)

~ John Cunningham, #VW11, \$20

Nonviolent Communication, Parenting and Waldorf (DVD)

~ John Cunningham, #VK05, \$20

The Changing Nature of Authority: Integrating NVC and Waldorf ~ John Cunningham, #VW06, \$20 (DVD)

Knitting as a Way of Life (DVD)

~ Kristie Burns #VW03, \$20

Creating a Waldorf Enrichment Program (DVD)

~ Kristie Burns #VW04, \$20

Getting Children to Do What you Want without Talking

Yourself to Death (CD) ~ Nancy Blanning, #AW18, \$12.50

Helping our Children Get into Their Bodies (CD)

~ Nancy Blanning, #AW19, \$12.50

Children and Nature (CD)

~ Cook Rodgers, #AW03, \$12.50

Create Your Own Family Celebrations (DVD)

~ Esther Leisher, #VW15, \$20.00

Positive Discipline (CD)

~ Susan Kaplan, #VAW15, \$12.50

Creating Harmonious Relationships (CD)

~ Susan Kaplan, #AW30, \$12.50

—See next page for more recordings

"Children, Nature & Us," Registration/Order Form, October, 2008

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Phone and fax: 303-546-0070. Secure on-line registration at www.informedfamilylife.org. Info@informedfamilylife.org

Name: _____ Spouse/Grandparent (if attending): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St/Pr: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (h) (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Indicate your workshop choices (required):

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____

Your spouse's/partner's/grandparent's choices:

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____

REGISTRATION for both days (lunches included):

You: Early registration (postmarked by 8/1) \$165 _____

Regular registration (postmarked by 10/1) \$185 _____

Final registration (postmarked after 10/1) \$195 _____

Spouse/Domestic Partner/Grandparent: \$95 _____

(both days, includes lunches)

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Child's Name _____ Age _____ \$ _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ \$ _____

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