

# Your Outdoor Classroom Checklist



## PLAN



Before the outdoor class

### Prepare for Teaching Outdoors

- Location- consider your seasonal needs for shade, shelter, proximity to the school building, and natural boundaries
- Safety- assess risks and hazards
- Establish routines– have everyone use the bathroom and wash hands before heading outdoors
- Communicate with parents & guardians - send a letter home so parents & guardians can prepare their child for the outdoor setting
- Communicate with administrator – follow any school policies on outdoor classrooms



### Co-create Expectations for Learning Outdoors

## COLLABORATE



With your students

- Take a walk around your learning space and ask students how the space can be used responsibly and respectfully
- Draft a class agreement
- Decide as a group on emergency procedures and practice them
- Describe and practice any outdoor classroom management techniques you plan to use
- Provide a brief outline of the lessons while inside classroom
- Leave a note on your classroom door explaining where you are



### Pack a Go Bag

Students – can be carried in a backpack

- Sit-upon
- Clipboard
- Individual school supplies like pencils can be carried in a Ziplock bag
- An observational journal
- Seasonal comforts (extra socks, surplus clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses)
- Water bottle and snacks

## ENJOY



Enjoy time outdoors with your students!

Teacher – can be carried in a wagon or backpack

- An “attention-getter” (e.g. a whistle or musical instrument)
- The class list
- Tarp for keeping supplies dry, building a shelter or creating a gathering space
- First aid kit and any necessary student medications
- Pencil sharpener, clipboard and extra supplies for students
- Sit upon or folding camping stool
- Seasonal comforts (extra socks, surplus clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen)
- Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer
- Water bottle and snacks



Visit [dashbc.ca](https://dashbc.ca) for more information and additional resources on outdoor classrooms