



# Kingston Forest & Nature School

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Dear future sponsor of Kingston Forest & Nature School,

My name is Monica Miller; you might know me from Hike it Baby Kingston, Bump, Baby & Beyond or my blog, Maman on the Trail. If not, you'll know me now because I'm about to open Kingston's first Forest & Nature School.

Kingston Forest & Nature School (KFNS) will be a child-directed, inquiry- and play-based program that gets kids back to nature in a meaningful way. Children at play in nature, you know, slowly becoming the next generation of environmental stewards. To be run as a not-for-profit, KFNS aims to offer opportunities for regular, repeated access to natural spaces to local children regardless of their age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, abilities, behaviour, and otherwise. Beyond the many benefits of simply being outside, research shows that Forest and Nature School programming helps children develop their social, emotional, cognitive, physical and creative skills, and improves their mental health and sense of community.

*For more information on Forest and Nature School in Canada, please visit [www.childnature.ca](http://www.childnature.ca).*

The thing is, I can't do this alone, and that's where you come in. I'm calling on local businesses, outdoor and nature organizations, parenting groups, and more to help make this a reality for the many families looking for a deeper connection to nature and community in the greater Kingston area. I need to raise a hefty sum of money to get this off the ground in September and to build a yurt to support us through the colder months. I'm looking for support in a variety of ways for some fundraising events, and am offering a few things in return. **Please see the following page & let's work together!**

If you have any questions, please reach out. And thank you in advance for your support.

Yours in the great outdoors,

*Monica Miller*

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## How you can help us:

These are just some of the things that we know we need help with, if you've got another idea, please let us know.

- **Gear for Families** - we are in need of gear for the participating children and adults to use while attending KFNS programming and we have dreams of creating a lending library of clothing, equipment and books to support families in nature outside of KFNS programming (if you think this is a great option for you, ask us what we're looking for!)
- **Donations for Silent Auction** - we are looking for donations of goods, services, and gift certificates valued at \$25 minimum to be used for a silent auction fundraiser during our open house on September 14, 2019
- **Donations for Kickstarter Campaign (to build a yurt/shelter)** - we are looking for multiples of the same goods, services, or gift certificates valued at \$5 minimum to be used for rewards (Kickstarter is an amazing global online fundraising platform that offers donors different donation levels that correspond to rewards, for example someone could give \$5 and earn a sticker, or \$50 and earn a t-shirt, and each donation level has a limit, so that we can be in control of how many people can earn each reward)
- **Monetary Donations** - we are looking for some cash to cover the costs of such things as a composting toilet & outhouse, First Aid kits, a wood stove, large outdoors storage bins, and other supplies (and eventually a "Forest School for All" fund to subsidize programming)

**Please head to [www.kingstonforestandnatureschool.ca/donate.html](http://www.kingstonforestandnatureschool.ca/donate.html) for more info!**

## How we'll return the favour:

Depending on how you help us out, let's find the best way to thank you.

- **Recommended Gear List** - we will include your business' name & link along with the gear you provide on our recommended gear list in our official KFNS Parent Handbook
- **Sponsor Page** - we will put your business' name & website on the sponsor page of the KFNS website (the more you give, the higher on the page you'll appear)
- **Social Media Shoutouts** - we will publicly thank you (with a tag) on all applicable social media channels
- **Kickstarter Credit** - we will include your business' name with the reward on the Kickstarter campaign

