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A Child's Touch
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Thornton, CO 80229

Dear Sarah,

Please accept the enclosed certificate recognizing another year in your commitment to connecting children with nature. It is a symbol of your continued desire in making children's experiences with nature rewarding.

We will update your designated web page on www.natureexplore.org highlighting the information that you sent with your recertification application. Our new Community Connection is a place to find ongoing nature education conversations, funding resources and volunteer information. Our Nature Explore network would love to hear from you through our blog or Facebook.

Our network is growing and so is our research. We have just published three new resources that you may find on the Educator and Family Resources tab on our web page.

1. *Heart Centered Teaching Inspired by Nature* by Nancy Rosenow, offers readers ways to use connections with nature to find strength and inspiration for their personal journeys so they can bring their best selves to their work with children.
2. *Keeping it Growing-Sustaining Your Outdoor Classroom*, offers research-based principles for keeping your outdoor classroom growing in a sustainable way.
3. *At Home With Nature: Creating Nature Explore Playscapes for Families*, helps parents bring the same research-based approach to learning in nature, that you have developed at your site, to their own home.

Please look for future emails from Nature Explore containing helpful information and tips on logo use and web page enhancements. Most importantly, we would like to thank you for your continued commitment in making a positive difference in the lives of children and families.

Sincerely,

Lana Gilson
Nature Explore Outreach Coordinator