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TerraTime Nature Play and Learning Receives National Recognition as a Certified Nature Explore Classroom

Lincoln, Neb. (June 19, 2019)— TerraTime Nature Play and Learning, located at 10910 E. State Road 28-67, Albany, Indiana has earned national recognition as a Certified Nature Explore Classroom from the Nature Explore program, which is a division of nonprofit Dimensions Educational Research Foundation.

This certification confers on TerraTime a number of benefits, including membership in an ever-expanding network of more than 450 like-minded spaces nationwide. Certified Nature Explore Classrooms foster highly effective, nature-based outdoor learning.

“Owner, Terra Haisley’s commitment to providing research-based and nature-rich learning offers a wonderful example to programs and educators throughout the country.” said Heather Fox, director of communications and outreach for the Nature Explore program. “These spaces inspire hands-on activity, creativity, play and plenty of time exploring the natural world.”

These unique outdoor classrooms offer interactive elements such as musical instruments made of recycled and natural materials, garden or pathway areas, and natural materials for building and creating art. Research consistently shows that children who learn and grow in Nature Explore Classrooms exhibit enhanced concentration, develop creativity and problem solving techniques, manage stress in healthy ways and develop skills across the spectrum of academic and creative learning.



Nature Explore Classrooms have been developed by a team of master educators, landscape architects and researchers in response to the documented growing disconnect between children and nature. The classrooms help fill this void by integrating research-based outdoor learning opportunities into children's daily lives. Classrooms that are designed according to standards and principles described in Dimensions Educational Research Foundation's [*Learning With Nature Ideas Book*](#) are eligible to become Certified Nature Explore Classrooms.

More information **about** TerraTime may be found at <https://certified.natureexplore.org/terratime/>

About Dimensions Educational Research Foundation: The mission of the Dimensions Educational Research Foundation is to transform children's lives through meaningful daily connections with nature. Its Nature Explore team provides research-based outdoor classroom design services, educator workshops and natural products. More information about Dimensions is available at <http://www.dimensionsfoundation.org/>

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