We Leave You With...

- 1. A handout for children to take home to parents about the value of loose parts play.
- 2. A resource package for staff / parents with ideas for starting your own indoor and outdoor loose parts collections, as well as storage suggestions.
- 3. A list of local places where a wide variety of low-cost loose parts items can be found.
- 4. A group of happily worn-out kids who want to know when:
 - A) You are going to have your own loose parts collection to play with regularly, OR
 - B) The 'loose parts lady' is coming back...



T. K. Adventure Play

Loose parts adventure play for kids; professional development for educators

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Contact us today to schedule a loose parts adventure play session for your child care centre / pre-school, day camp, or even a birthday party for kids under 12!

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What does an Adventure Play session look like?

- 1. You contact us to make a booking.
- We collect some information from you about your location, your site, and the children in your care. This will include age range, numbers, and any special needs to be considered.
- On the date of the session, our team will arrive 15-20 minutes before the scheduled start time. We set up the outdoor space and provide staff members with a brief orientation about what to expect.
- 4. When the children arrive at the play site, they also receive a brief orientation to the session and the materials.
- 5. Then they are 'set loose' to use the materials as they wish.
- 6. A few minutes prior to the scheduled end of the session, children are informed that the session is coming to the end.
- 7. As the session wraps up, everyone works together to clean up and return all the materials to one place so they be returned to our team leader's vehicle.



What are "loose parts"?

Loose parts are natural or synthetic materials that can be moved, redesigned, carried, combined, lined up, taken apart and put back together. We have a collection of loose parts that we bring around and provide at your site, allowing opportunities for deep and imaginative play. The collection includes items such as milk crates, rope, sheets and pieces of colourful fabric, large pipes, and tools for digging.

What is a "loose parts adventure play session"?

Children need at least 45 minutes to enter into the kind of deep play that loose parts can provide, so a session is either 90 minutes or three hours. The materials we have can be used by up to 30 children at one time, as children will usually work in small groups that change and evolve as the play progresses. If your site has more than 30 children, we recommend the longer visit, so that two smaller groups of 30 children or less can each have a turn using the materials.

