

#### About the No Child Left Inside Coalition

The Coalition was created in 2006 to find new ways to encourage kids to experience nature and learn about the environment.

To meet the goals, we support the **No Child Left Inside Act**, which would provide new federal funding for outdoor learning activities and high-quality environmental education. We are confident that once they are up close with nature, kids will become more engaged with the outdoors and care more deeply about protecting their environment. Stronger environmental education will pay unexpected dividends in the classroom.

We believe we must better prepare young people to understand and overcome major environmental challenges, including [global climate change](#). We were driven by the recognition that America's young people are growing increasingly disconnected from nature spending more time inside and not outside playing, exploring and learning. This is a disturbing trend that is contributing to a host of problems, including [childhood obesity](#) and [nature deficit disorder](#). ***Even outdoor recess is in jeopardy according to the National PTA.***



As author [Richard Louv](#) has documented, students who take part in environmental learning do significantly better in school. Why? Because the best learning takes place when all the senses are engaged, and that happens most readily outside in nature. ***Kids who get caught up in the wonders of nature will also be far more engaged when it comes time to learn about science in school.***

Today the Coalition has grown to over [500 member organizations](#), representing more than 43 million people, including environmental, education, public health and business groups, all of whom appreciate the value of getting kids outside.