

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Richard Louv is a journalist and author of eight books about the connections between family, nature and community. His newest book is [The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder](#) (Algonquin), which offers a new vision of the future, in which our lives are as immersed in nature as they are in technology. This future, available to all of us right now, offers better psychological, physical and spiritual health for people of every age.

[Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder](#) (Algonquin), translated into 10 languages and published in 15 countries, has stimulated an international conversation about the relationship between children and nature. Louv is also the founding chairman of the Children & Nature Network at www.childrenandnature.org, an organization helping build the movement to connect today's children and future generations to the natural world. Louv coined the term Nature-Deficit Disorder™ which has become the defining phrase of this important issue.

In 2008, he was awarded the Audubon Medal, presented by the National Audubon Society. Prior recipients have included Rachel Carson, E. O. Wilson and President Jimmy Carter. Louv is also the recipient of the Cox Award for 2007, Clemson University's highest honor, for "sustained achievement in public service" and has been a Clemson visiting professor. Among other awards, Louv is the recipient of the 2008 San Diego Zoological Society Conservation Medal, the 2008 George B. Rabb Conservation Medal from the Chicago Zoological Society, and the 2009 International Making Cities Livable Jane Jacobs Award. He also serves as Honorary Co-chairman, with artist Robert Bateman, of Canada's national Children and Nature Alliance.

Louv has written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Times of London, and other major publications. He has appeared on many national TV shows, including NBC's Today Show and Nightly News, CBS Evening News, ABC's Good Morning America, and NPR's Morning Edition, Fresh Air, and Talk of the Nation. Between 1984 and 2007 he was a columnist for The San Diego Union-Tribune and has been a columnist and member of the editorial advisory board for Parents magazine. Louv was an advisor to the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World award program. He serves on the board of directors of ecoAmerica and is a member of the Citistates Group. He has appeared before the Domestic Policy Council in the White House as well as at major governmental and professional conferences, nationally and internationally, most recently as keynote speaker at the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference. For more information, visit www.RichardLouv.com.

He is married to Kathy Frederick Louv and the father of two young men, Jason, 29 and Matthew, 23. He would rather fish than write.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

11TH ANNUAL PARK SUMMIT

INSPIRING NATURAL LEADERS

🌿 *Thursday, May 16, 2013* 🌿



Keynote Speaker:

Richard Louv

Author of the International Bestseller
Last Child in the Woods and newly
released book *The Nature Principle*

11th Annual Park Summit “Inspiring Natural Leaders”

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Time: 7:30 — 8:15 a.m.
Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:15 — 8:45 a.m.
Russ Guiney, Director County of Los Angeles,
Department of Parks and Recreation

8:45 — 10:00 a.m.
Keynote Speaker - Richard Louv

10:00 — 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 — 11:50 a.m.	Session I
12:00 — 12:50 p.m.	Session II
12:50 — 1:50 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 — 2:30 p.m.	Tram Tour

Location: Los Angeles County Arboretum &
Botanic Garden
301 N. Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007
Ayres Hall

Please return registration form by e-mail, fax, or mail.
Reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served
basis limited to the first 325.

Registration deadline is May 2, 2013.

Parking Information

Park in the lot adjacent to Ayres Hall and enter through double
gates to gain access to the hall. **Carpooling is encouraged.**

ADA Information

Persons with disabilities needing auxiliary aids or services in
order to participate may call **Elva Espinoza** at
(213)381-8347 by **May 2, 2013** to make arrangements.

Who Should Attend

Parks and Recreation Directors, Superintendents, Park
Supervisors, and staff from Counties, Cities,
Conservancies, Parks and Recreation professionals, and
non-profit organizations interested in networking,
attending workshops, and working in a collaborative
effort to form partnerships and solve problems.

This year's theme is “Inspiring Natural Leaders.” Don't
miss this 11th Anniversary of the Park Summit!

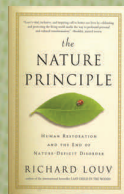
Breakout Sessions

1. **Reconnecting Children to Nature's
Playground**
2. **Nature in a Box Educator's Loan Program**
3. **Animal Ambassadors: Connections to
Nature**
4. **Linking Nature and Technology**
5. **Without Nature, Children Will Suffer**
6. **Healthy Design for Communities**
7. **Deliver Nature through Creative
Environmental Education**
8. **Director's Roundtable**

*Note: Sessions subject to change.

Additional Information

- You will receive Richard Louv's latest book, *The Nature Principle*, with paid registration.



Registration Information

Registration fee is \$22 per person. Includes Continental
Breakfast and Lunch.

Registration Fees are Due by **May 2, 2013**

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