



# FAQ

*Practitioner Fest*

*Friday 4th Oct to Sunday 6th Oct*

*Fordell Firs Fife*

**Hey there, outdoor education enthusiasts! 🌲 Welcome to the Practitioner Fest FAQ! We're beyond excited to have you join us for a weekend filled with inspiration, learning, fun, and, of course, a bit of adventure. Below, you'll find all the juicy details to help you gear up for an unforgettable experience!**

## ***What is Practitioner Fest?***

Practitioner Fest is THE event for educators ready to dive into the world of outdoor learning! 🌳 This is your chance to immerse yourself in hands-on activities, gain new skills, and connect with like-minded professionals who are just as passionate about the outdoors as you are. Happening at the beautiful Scouting Headquarters for Scotland, Fordell Firs (just outside Dunfermline in Fife), this fest is all about elevating your teaching, refreshing your spirit, and igniting a love for learning in the great outdoors!

## ***What is the dress code?***

Get ready to embrace the elements! You'll be outside most of the weekend, so think waterproof and sturdy footwear, cozy layers, and all-weather gear. 🌧️ Bug spray and sunscreen are must-haves too – nature waits for no one!

## ***What should I bring?***

Pack like a pro! A comfy backpack, waterproof jacket, hat, packed lunch (if you're not eating with our fab food vendors), your phone to capture all the fun moments, and – most importantly – bring loads of enthusiasm and an open mind ready to soak in the experience! 📸🍷

## How is Practitioner Fest set up?

We've got a jam-packed weekend planned, with three amazing strands to keep you engaged and energized:

- Friday Night Conference: We're kicking things off with a bang on Friday, October 4th, in the Archery Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm! 🎯 You'll hear from our fantastic speakers:
- Niki Buchan – A trailblazer in nature-based education! Niki is a global adventurer who's passionate about bringing the wonders of nature into learning. She's traveled the world inspiring educators to embrace the great outdoors as the ultimate classroom.
- Alexia Barrable – A research powerhouse in outdoor learning! 📖 Alexia knows the ins and outs of how nature can supercharge a child's development. She's all about reconnecting kids with the natural world and bringing the magic of the outdoors to education.
- Louise Licznarski – Owner of an outdoor nursery and a true pioneer of outdoor education for early years in both Fife and West Lothian. Louise is now the founding director of the Scottish Outdoor Learning Association, where she continues to lead the way in promoting outdoor learning and nature-based education for young children. She brings a wealth of experience and passion for creating environments where children can explore, play, and learn through meaningful hands-on experiences in nature.
- Saturday and Sunday Workshops: We've lined up some awesome workshops throughout Saturday and Sunday that you don't want to miss! 🎨🔧 These are pre-booked, so check out all the exciting options on our workshop page [here](#). To grab your spot, use this [link](#).
- Festival Village: Looking for a chill vibe? Head to our Festival Village, where you can chat with outdoor pros, visit their stalls, or just kick back in our wellbeing tent for some much-needed R&R. 🧘✨

## Can we stay on-site?

Absolutely! 🌌 Camping is available for just £15 per tent for the entire weekend – that's Friday and Saturday nights covered! Bring your own tent (up to 8-man size), pitch it up, and settle in for a weekend under the stars. Get ready for the full festival experience!

## ***What is the running order of the day?***

- Friday Evening: Our fab conference kicks off at 6:30 pm and runs until about 8:00 pm.
- Saturday: The Festival Village opens at 9:00 am, and workshops start promptly at 9:30 am – don't be late! 🕒 Depending on your ticket, you can attend up to 4 workshops a day, or maybe just 3 if you want extra time to explore the village!
- Little Bugs Outdoor Nursery: Come see what it's like to run an outdoor nursery setting 50 weeks of the year! Our awesome staff will be on hand to chat all things outdoors.
- Saturday Night: Don't miss out on our 'Play in the Dark' workshop from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – a unique chance to experience outdoor learning at night! 🌌 Afterwards, join us for a site campfire until late – we're talking marshmallows, music, and memories!

## ***What about food and dietary requirements?***

Get ready for some tasty bites! 🍽️ All food is provided by Little Lunches, and we'll be launching the menu soon with breakfast, lunch, and a Saturday night dinner option. Meals will be served in the Henderson Building. Make sure to pre-purchase food vouchers and let us know if you have any special dietary needs – we've got you covered! Oh, and there'll be a coffee vendor in the car park serving delicious brews and cakes. ☕🍰 Both cash and card accepted!

## ***How do I get to Practitioner Fest?***

Options galore! 🚗 If you're driving, grab a parking pass (one per car – carpooling is highly encouraged!). Or hop on our handy shuttle buses, running from Ferry Toll/Halbeath Park and Ride at 8:30 am on Saturday and Sunday, returning at 5:30 pm. Alternatively, catch a bus via Stagecoach or take a train to Dalgety Bay Station and enjoy a scenic 27-minute walk to Fordell Firs.