The Best Laid Plans: A Journey into Environmental Education



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In an increasingly virtual and media-driven world, it can be difficult to engage children and adults alike in meaningful conversations about the environment. While most of the American population regards natural space and outdoor time as extremely important, the average 8-10 year old spends 6 hours a day in front of a screen and 77% of adults cannot identify where their tap water comes from. There is a huge difference between your basic, fact-driven high school ecology class and inquiry-based environmental education – and that difference can cause drastic effects on the way we regard the world.

I went from a pre-med undergraduate student with prospects of working in a hospital to being an ambassador for the environment, spending my days walking in the woods and wading for crayfish. During this session, I'll walk you through how I got to where I am and why I wouldn't have it any other way.

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