

### **Richard Louv to speak at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain September 22nd**

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On Thursday, September 22, Richard Louv, author of nine books about the connections between family, nature and community including *Last Child in the Woods*, *The Nature Principle*, and, most recently, *Vitamin N: The Essential Guide to a Nature Rich Life*, will speak at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. The title of his talk is *The Hybrid Mind: The more high-tech our lives become, the more nature we need*. The event will be held at 7:00 pm in the Washburn Center. The program will also include a question and answer session followed by a book signing. *Vitamin N*, his latest book, will be available for purchase at the event.

The evening is being sponsored by the Environmental Educators of North Carolina (EENC) as a preconference event for the organization's 25th Anniversary Conference which will be held at Blue Ridge Assembly September 23-25th. EENC members can attend the presentation for free. Admission for non-EENC members is \$10.00 payable at the door. Michelle Pearce, 2016 EENC President, states that hosting this event is a great way to introduce the mission of EENC to a broader audience, and to share with them the good work that we do across the state. The theme of the conference is "Lasting Legacies" and EENC is pleased to sponsor this presentation as we consider the role of environmental education in the past, present, and future, according to Dr. Brad Daniel, EENC Western Section Coordinator and conference co-convenor. The conference will include workshops, field trips to Mount Mitchell, Chimney Rock, and the Blue Ridge Parkway, a research symposium, and much more. Judy Braus, Director of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) will offer the conference keynote.

Richard Louv is co-founder and chairman emeritus of the Children & Nature Network ([www.childrenandnature.org](http://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. His book *THE NATURE PRINCIPLE: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age* (Algonquin Books) 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.

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 *CBS This Morning*, *NBC's Today Show* and *Nightly News*, *CBS Evening News*, *ABC's Good Morning America*, and *NPR's Morning Edition*, *Fresh Air*, *Talk of the Nation* and *Diane Rehm* show. Louv served as an advisor both to the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World award program and to the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child. He is on the board of directors of *ecoAmerica* and the editorial board of *Ecopsychology*. In April 2012, Richard gave the closing keynote at the first White House Summit on Environmental Education. For more information, visit [www.RichardLouv.com](http://www.RichardLouv.com).