**STEP 1: SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR DECISIONS**

Good planning is key to a successful Families Together in Nature gathering. Set a schedule that works for you and your family. Are you interested in hosting a single event or ongoing events each week, month or season? Plan each event well in advance and be aware of other local activities that may affect people’s ability to attend. It’s also important to let people know how long they should plan for your event; is it a half-day hike or two hours of exploration at dusk?

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**HOW OFTEN:**

Once a week on ____________________________ (day)

The first ____ (day) of each month

The first ____ (day) of each season

Once a year on _______________________ (date)

**HOW LONG:**

From ___ (month) ___ to ___ (month) ___

**THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

• Consider your local landscape and seasonal weather conditions.

• Find out what other outdoor or nature events take place in your region.

• Gather a list of local nature clubs and other resources and find out whether educators or special guests are available to speak to your club while you are out.

• Consider places you’ve been and places you’ve always wanted to explore; include your favorite activities.

**CREATE A LIST OF POSSIBLE OUTINGS:**

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