



Central Coast CREEC

Linking Central Coast Teachers with Quality Environmental Education Resources

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Region 8 Serves San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Kern Counties

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EE Success Stories

No Child Left Inside Update

The No Child Left Inside Act is likely to be voted on by the House of Representatives in September. The NCLI Act won strong bipartisan support in the House Education and Labor Committee earlier this summer. Full House approval will be a great sign that members of Congress strongly support environmental education. This backing has grown because our representatives in Washington have heard from people like you who believe it is important to get children outside to learn and to explore their environment. Get involved more by going to the NCLI website: www.nclicoalition.org

EI Units Posted

New draft Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) curriculum units are now available on the web for review. We will inform you as new units are posted.

These posted units are in draft form, have been reviewed by content experts for technical accuracy, and are now being field tested by teachers in California. Additional draft units will be posted as soon as they are available and will remain on the web for 30 days. See <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Education/EEI/Curriculum/Default.htm#CurriculumUnits> to view the latest available units. Currently, the posted units are:
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- 1) Fifth Grade, Science Standard 5.3.a. This will be posted until 9/5/2008.
- 2) Sixth Grade, History/Social Science Standard 6.1.1. This will be posted until 9/5/2008.
- 3) Eleventh Grade, History/Social Science Standard 11.11.5. This will be posted until 9/5/2008.
- 4) High School, Biology Standard B.6.a. This will be posted until 9/5/2008.

EE Resources

ZIP GUIDES - Find out what's in your neck of the woods:

Sort by Plants, Animals, Birds, Insects, Reptiles and Amphibians, Trees, Wildflowers. Sort by All Species, Threatened and Endangered, Poisonous and Dangerous, plus Mammal Tracks. <http://www.enature.com/zipguides/>

FIELD GUIDES - 5500 species currently available (many with sound, especially birds) Birds, Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians, Fishes, Seashells, Seashore Creatures, Spiders, Insects, Butterflies, Wildflowers, Trees, Poisonous and Dangerous, Threatened and Endangered, Native Plants.

<http://www.enature.com/fieldguides/index.asp>

More EE Resources can be found on the CREEC 8 Website in the "Resource Directory" as well as the "For Teachers" or "For Providers" link.

Trainings & Workshops

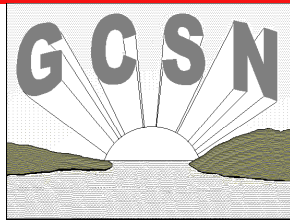
Coastal Restoration Workshop – September 18, San Diego FREE WORKSHOP!

The California Coastal Commission is hosting a series of workshops on how to develop a volunteer-based habitat restoration program. The workshops will introduce our new guide "Digging In: A Guide to Community Based Habitat Restoration". The guide walks you through each step of a volunteer restoration project – from getting permissions, to collecting seeds, to conducting outreach for your restoration event. The next workshop will be in San Diego County on September 18th. (We are planning future workshops at other coastal locations.) Details below:

WHAT: Digging In: How To Engage Your Community in Coastal Restoration
WHEN: Thursday, September 18, 3pm-6pm
WHERE: The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center
1580 Cannon Road, Carlsbad, CA

Each workshop attendee will receive a copy of *Digging In*. We'll introduce the guide and brainstorm key topics in developing restoration projects and engaging the community. A tour of Batiquitos Lagoon's restoration trail will follow.

Space is limited. Please register by September 6 with Kristina Finstad at kfinstad@hotmail.com or (831) 464-1527. Include the spelling of your name, email, phone number, and the organization with which you are affiliated (if applicable). For more information, please visit the Coastal Commission's Public Education website at www.coastforyou.org



Gold Coast Science Network

Register Now for the November 2008 Conference!

Presented by Gold Coast Science Network, cosponsored by Oxnard College and California Science Teachers Association.

A Taste of Science - A conference for K-12 Science Educators

Saturday, November 15, 2008
Oxnard College

4000 S. Rose Ave
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Mark Your Calendar !

Over 40 workshops and grade-level breakout sessions!

Extension Credit available through UCSB

- Join science teachers and educators for the GCSN Fall Science Conference.
- The day will include workshops, vendors and keynote speakers.
- Network with other science teachers from the Tri-County area.
- Bring home classroom ready lessons, materials, and ideas.

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Keynote Speakers !

Continental breakfast, lunch, and

GCSN membership is included.

See our web page for more information: <http://members.aol.com/gcsn98>

Register Now!

Please send this form with a check payable to Gold Coast Science Network:

Debbie Bereki

**PO Box 390
Fillmore, CA 93016**

\$25.00* until October 31, 2008

Name: _____

Home Phone _____

Grade Level: _____ School: _____

School Phone: _____

Home Address _____

E-mail address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Fax: _____

*10% discount if two or more applications are in one envelope. Student cost \$10.

More Trainings & Workshops can be found on the CREEC 8 Website in the "For Teachers" link.

Community Events

Coastal Clean Up Day – September 20

California Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD) is the country's largest volunteer event in support of the marine environment. The mission of CCD is to engage people to remove trash and debris from the world's beaches and waterways; to identify the sources of debris; and ultimately change the behaviors that cause pollution. CCD is a partnership between the community, local non-profit groups, and municipalities that coordinate cleanups at the city and county levels. CCD is a major part of an International Coastal Cleanup, which includes all 50 states and over 100 countries worldwide. To find a site near you go to:

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

**The SLO County Coastal Clean Up Day contact is EcoSlo
David Kirk david@ecoslo.org 544-1777**

**The Santa Barbara County Clean Up Day contact is Department of Public Works
Jeffrey Simeon jsimeon@cosbpw.net 822-3618**

**The Ventura County Clean Up Day contact is Ventura Council Coalition for Coastal & Inland Waterways
Kevin Gieschen KAllen@simivalley.org 583-6462**



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SLO COUNTY CREEK DAY Saturday • Sept. 27, 2008 • 9 am to Noon

Let's get together and clean up the creeks!

Join family, friends and neighbors at this fun volunteer event.

Cleaning the creeks helps protect wildlife and improves the beauty of our county. Fall is an important time to remove trash, before winter rainstorms arrive and wash debris into the ocean.

PLEASE CHECK IN at one of these stations on Saturday morning:

NIPOMO
Adobe Plaza (East Tefft St.)
Nipomo Community Svcs. District
929-1133

ARROYO GRANDE, PISMO BEACH
Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
Exploration Station
867 Ramona Ave., Grover Beach
473-8221

SAN LUIS OBISPO
Mission Plaza in Downtown SLO
Host: The Land Conservancy
544-9096

CAL POLY at SLO
Dexter Lawn
Kim Busby: 756-6664

ATASCADERO
Colony House Parking Lot
Hosts: Atascadero Mutual Water
Company and the City of Atascadero.
470-3148

TEMPLETON
Templeton Community Svcs. District
206 Fifth Street
434-4914

PASO ROBLES
Larry Moore Park (behind WalMart)
Hosts: Upper Salinas Las Tablas
Resource Conservation District
434-0396 ext. 4 or
City of Paso Robles
237-3861

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Chumash Interpretive Center Storytelling – Sept 27, 2008, Thousand Oaks

A special bonfire / storytelling night: September 27, 5 p.m.: Join us for a night of fun as we take an evening hike to the village and gather around a bonfire in the little S'apwi village. Chumash elders will join us and regale adults and children alike with Chumash tales handed down through the generations. S'mores will be provided to fill our tummies and wildlife always makes an appearance during these evening events. Watch here for the date - and RSVP as soon as you can, group size is limited. www.chumashcenter.org

Oakbrook Park Chumash Interpretive Center

3290 Lang Ranch Parkway
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
805-492-8076

Special Note: Native American Music Festival on August 30 & 31 at the same place! Check out more at their website www.chumashcenter.org

Tomato Extravaganza – September 13, 2008 – San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden

UCCE Master Gardeners and the SLO Botanical Garden present an "edible festival" for you and your taste buds. Come taste varieties of tomatoes and basil and pick your favorite. Also available is olive oil tasting, Italian breads, sheep and goat cheeses, pistachios, avocados and fruits and Sweet Earth Organic Chocolates. The event is held at the new Oak Glen Pavilion, the beautiful green building for the SLO Botanical Gardens located in El Chorro Regional Park. A multitude of plants and garden gifts will also be sold. Come on and all. www.slobg.org or call 541-1400. The event is from 10am – 2pm.

Eco-Carnival – October 4, 2008 Washington Elementary School in Santa Barbara

The goal for this Eco-Carnival sponsored by the Washington School Foundation is to have a "green carnival" for families in Santa Barbara. Come check out how to have fun and how to be "eco-friendly" at the same time. The carnival is from 1pm – 4pm. The school is located at 290 Lighthouse Road in Santa Barbara. For more information contact Luciana Richard at 729-3777

Theodore Payne Nursery Annual CA Native Fall Festival – Oct. 10 & 11 Friday & Saturday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Free admission

The general public will have the chance to discover the beauty and practicality of CA native plants at the annual fall festival and plant sale. The nursery is located at 10459 Tuxford St. in Sun Valley. Come get some native plants for your fall garden.

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NAAEE National Conference – October 15 – 18, 2008 Wichita, Kansas

EE on the Prairie – Pioneering New Strategies
Environmental educators show their audiences how to pioneer new strategies for understanding the many aspects of today's complex environment. The 37th annual NAAEE conference on October 15-18 offers a range of strands that create these new strategies in hundreds of concurrent presentations, panels, posters, and roundtables. Additional workshops and field experiences provide more options for hands-on activities around these topics. To register for the conference see www.naaee.org/conference/registration

Green Tools for Green Schools Conference – September 11-12, 2008, Sacramento

The second annual Greentools Conference will be held September 11-12, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento and the H. Allen Hight Learning Center. Offering a host of training opportunities, the conference will feature topics and strategies aimed at a variety of stakeholders, from design professionals to facilities planners to school district officials. This year's conference will feature nationally recognized speakers, a suite of workshops, an awards program, a tour of one of the newest schools built to CHPS Criteria, and professionally-led design charrettes for school districts. Join us for the most anticipated green schools workshop of the year! For more information, visit www.chps.net/greentools or call 415-970-6605.

The Future is Green Conference and Expo - September 14-16, 2008

The Teacher's Workshop on Global Warming, Energy, and Environmental Protection will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., after which participants will be able to visit the Expo and view nearly 100 green technology exhibits. The workshop will include information on what teachers can do too to move toward a greener future. This half-day workshop on Sunday afternoon makes it easier for any interested teacher to attend without complications of seeking authorized time off or arranging for substitutes. The workshop is free of charge to all teaching staff, but pre-registration is a must!

Location: Long Beach Convention Center
Long Beach, California

Event Home Page: <http://www.capcoagreen.com/teachers-workshop/>

Contact Information:

Larry Kolczak
lkolczak@aqmd.gov
909-396-3215

Green Festival – November 14 – 16, 2008 , San Francisco

One of the nation's premier sustainability events, where you will see the very best in green. You'll enjoy more than 125 renowned authors, leaders and educators; great how-to workshops; cutting-edge films; fun activities for kids; organic beer and wine; delicious vegetarian cuisine and diverse live music. Shop in our unique marketplace of more than 300 eco-friendly businesses—everything from all-natural body care products and organic cotton clothing to Fair Trade gifts and beautiful kitchen tiles made from renewable resources.

Location: San Francisco Concourse Exhibition Center
635 8th St (at Brannan St)
San Francisco, California

Event Home Page: <http://greenfestivals.org>

Contact Information:

Contact: Becky Wisdom/Katie Hunsberger
Organic Works Marketing
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Becky@organicworksmarketing.com

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Green California Schools Summit & Exposition - Dec 9 & 10, 2008, Anaheim

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Don't miss the nation's largest green schools event, with a program that covers every aspect of creating healthy, sustainable schools – from green building and facilities management to developing green curriculum!

Location: Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California

Event Home Page: <http://www.green-technology.org/index.html>

Contact Information:

Email: conferences@green-technology.org

Phone: 626.577.5700.

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EE Provider Highlight - Collaborative for High Performance Schools

The mission of the Collaborative for High Performance Schools is to facilitate the design, construction and operation of high performance schools: environments that are not only energy and resource efficient, but also healthy, comfortable, well lit, and containing the amenities for a quality education.

CHPS helps facilitate and inspire change in our educational system. The goals of CHPS are to:

- Increase student performance with better-designed and healthier facilities,
- Raise awareness of the impact and advantages of high performance schools,
- Provide professionals with better tools to facilitate effective design, construction and maintenance of high performance schools,
- Increase school energy and resource efficiency, and
- Reduce peak electric loads.

CHPS Programs: <http://www.chps.net/>

High Performance School Recognition and Rating Programs

CHPS oversees the nation's first green building rating program especially designed for K-12 schools. The CHPS Criteria is a comprehensive system of environmentally responsible benchmarks designed by the CHPS technical committee, which is made up of over fifty school facilities experts including state agency officials, designers, school district officials, contractors, product manufacturers and energy and water utility officials. A CHPS school is a school that has strived to achieve excellence in environmental efficiency and healthy building practices. CHPS recognizes superior design teams and school districts through award ceremonies, case studies and media outreach. Schools can self-certify their school through the free CHPS Designed program, or seek third-party verification of their high performance school through the CHPS Verified program.



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High Performance School Trainings

CHPS, an American Institute of Architects registered provider of Continuing Education Services, offers accredited high performance school technical seminars to design professionals. A leader in the field of green school development, CHPS also offers workshops to school districts and other stakeholders on the green school development process, including assisting school districts in creating district-wide resolutions on green school construction. CHPS also offers an annual conference on high performance schools called **Greentools for Healthy Schools**.

CHPS Best Practice Manual

CHPS has developed and maintains a six-volume technical best practices manual for high performance schools. The manual covers planning, design, high performance benchmarks, maintenance and operations, commissioning and relocatable classrooms in high performance schools. The manual was developed through a consensus process with the assistance of school officials, state agencies, industry representatives and design professionals. CHPS periodically updates each volume of the manual.

CHPS High Performance Resources

CHPS manages a member directory of green school building services and products and a directory of certified low emitting materials for green school construction. CHPS also offers online trainings and presentations, specifications and informational fact sheets. CHPS is developing an individual professional accreditation program that will allow design professionals to become CHPS-accredited.

**This is the end of the September 2008 Region 8 CREEC Newsletter
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