



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Conservation Training Center

Training Announcement

Creating a Schoolyard Habitat/ Outdoor Classroom

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Course Description

A Schoolyard Habitat/Outdoor Classroom (SH/OC) Program is a coordinated effort between schools, FWS offices, and other conservation and community organizations to establish ecologically sound restoration projects that are sustainable outdoor learning areas on school sites. This course develops SH/OC technical consultants that can assist schools at the local level in areas such as project design, plant selection, construction, maintenance, curriculum connections, student instruction, etc. This course supports the Service's Connecting People with Nature priority.



Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Explain how partnering with schools and other organizations to build schoolyard habitats/outdoor classrooms meets the Service's mission
- Identify potential projects that may be successful schoolyard habitats/outdoor classrooms
- List steps for working with schools to complete a schoolyard habitat/outdoor classroom project
- Explain the benefits of student and school team directed schoolyard habitat/outdoor classroom projects for ownership and sustainability
- Describe how schoolyard habitats/ outdoor classrooms support national curriculum and educational standards, and
- List options/opportunities that could be included in a schoolyard habitat/ outdoor classroom program

Date

September 10 – 14, 2012

Location

Denali National Park & Preserve, Alaska

Who Should Attend

Resource managers, Partners for Fish and Wildlife personnel, visitor services professionals, educators, outdoor recreational planners, landscape architects, law enforcement officers, or anyone whose resource management efforts would be enhanced or supported by education initiatives.

Length

5 days

Tuition

Tuition for FWS personnel is prepaid. For participants from other agencies and organizations, there is a tuition charge of \$950.

To Register

Register online at <http://training.fws.gov> using DOILearn, the Department of the Interior's Learning Management System. Course registration deadline: July 2nd, 2012. After this date, please call for availability.

Availability

Course is offered once per year.

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