



The San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance will be hosting our second **CREEN SCHOOL GROUNDS CONFERENCE** this fall on October 8th and 9th, 2004 and we invite you to join us for this exciting event. Building on the success of our first conference in October 2002, we again plan to bring together over 200 K–12 teachers and community members from San Francisco and the greater Bay Area to learn more about creating and sustaining vibrant outdoor learning environments.

The 2004 Green School Grounds Conference will begin with a Friday evening event featuring a keynote lecture by former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, a networking and resource fair, and opportunities for local green schoolyards to showcase their existing work. On Saturday, conference participants will have the opportunity to select two half-day, hands-on workshops from a wide variety of schoolyard greening topics.

The workshops will again be designed to enhance the grounds of the schools that host them while teaching the participants valuable skills that they can put to use at their own schools.

Workshops will include such topics as:

- designing, building and maintaining school gardens
- · attracting wildlife to school grounds
- · building and using renewable energy systems at schools
- · tracking water use on school grounds
- reducing waste
- building schoolyard artwork
- · cooking with garden produce
- green schoolyards and children's health

Green schoolyards are being built all over the world, replacing asphalt with vibrant outdoor classrooms. San Francisco is a leader in this field of schoolyard ecology. Help us to train Bay Area teachers, parents, and other educators to better integrate nature into their curricula by providing them with the tools they need to create living, hands-on outdoor classrooms.

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