

SCHOOL GARDEN REFERENCES

Educational Organizations

The following organizations offer educational and organizational resources and expertise in specific subject areas:

American Community Gardening Association

<http://www.communitygarden.org>

ACGA is a non-profit organization that supports school and community gardens with grant money, seeds and study materials.

California Department of Education

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/index.asp>

Publishes Child's Garden of Standards which links specific garden activities to academic standards

To view publication:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/rc/ap/pubdisplay.aspx?ID=001579>

Ordering information:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/rc/orderinfo.asp>

California Department of Food and Agriculture

<http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/kids/>

Kids page with many garden based activities

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

<http://www.cfaitc.org/>

Includes Lesson Plans, Resources, and *Imagine this* writing contest for students

California School Garden Network

<http://www.csqn.org/index.php>

A collaborative effort of a number of educational institutions and corporate partners committed to enhancing learning through the use of teaching gardens in schools.

<http://www.csqn.org/curriculum.php>

Link to specific lessons many with grade and California State standards.

California Science Teachers Association

<http://www.cascience.org>

Represents science educators statewide - in every science discipline at every grade level. Publishes a bi-monthly newspaper packed with news, information, resources, ideas, and activities of current interest to science educators.

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Center for Ecoliteracy

<http://www.ecoliteracy.org>

Professional development for schools wanting to create learning connections between healthy school food and curriculum.

Earthbox

www.earthbox.com

Teachers can use the EarthBox and its accompanying curriculum to teach cross-curriculum, standards-based lessons that excite students and engage them in hands-on activities.

The Growing Connection

www.thegrowingconnection.org

School gardening programs in the U.S., Ghana, Mexico and Nicaragua grow vegetables in an EarthBox system. Students grow food, conduct horticultural experiments and share their lessons and experiences with each other using IT connectivity.

Junior Master Gardener

<http://www.jmgkids.us>

Information and monthly newsletter

Life Lab Science Program

<http://www.lifelab.org>

Life Lab helps schools integrate gardens into their science and nutrition curriculum. Numerous publications available. Gardencordinator@lifelab.org

National Arbor Day Foundation

<http://www.arborday.org>

Foundation provides trees for Arbor Day plantings, educational and resource materials.

National Audubon Society

<http://www.audubon.org>

Information on attracting birds and water fowl to your garden

National Gardening Association

<http://www.nga.com>

NGA offers books on youth gardening and a bi-monthly magazine with features on children's gardening programs nationwide. NGA sponsors a grant program that honors noteworthy youth gardening projects. Winners receive grants of materials and supplies for their gardens.

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National Wildlife Federation
Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program

<http://www.sdcpf.org/sdcpf>

Information on wildlife and suggestions on how to attract wildlife to your garden. By meeting certain criteria, your garden can be designated a wildlife preserve.

Nature's Partners: Pollinators, Plants and You

<http://www.nappc.org/curriculum/>

An inquiry learning-based curriculum for grades 3 through 6.

San Diego Audubon Society

<http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/>

Resource for information on birds

San Diego County Water Authority

<http://www.sdcpwa.org/education/teachers.phtml>

Numerous programs and materials for teachers in San Diego County, elementary and secondary schools

San Diego Natural History Museum

<http://www.sdnhm.org/>

Bird and butterfly checklists, online field guides, and teacher's guides on many topics. Resource to purchase San Diego County Bird Atlas.

University of California Cooperative Extension County of San Diego School Gardens

<http://cesandiego.ucdavis.edu>

Information on school gardens and agriculture in San Diego County

University of Arizona

<http://insected.arizona.edu/uli.htm>

Using live insects in elementary classrooms

Youth Nutrition Education Programs

http://sandiego4h.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Nutrition_Education.htm

Gardening curriculum connecting gardening with nutrition