



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# National Conservation Training Center

## *Training Announcement*

### OUT8164: Creating a Schoolyard Habitat/ Outdoor Classroom

#### 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, and curriculum connections. This course supports the Service's Connecting People with Nature, Urban Wildlife Refuge, and Youth initiatives.



#### 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
- Develop an implementation plan for a schoolyard habitat/outdoor classroom project

#### Dates

August 19, 2014 - Webinar, 2-3:30 p.m. ET, Adobe Connect

September 8-11, 2014 - In-person, Greenwich Audubon Center, Greenwich, CT

October 28, 2014 – Webinar, 2-3:30 p.m. ET, Adobe Connect

Participants must attend all 3 sessions to complete the course.

#### Location

Greenwich, CT, and online

#### Who Should Attend

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

#### Length

4 days: In-person, Greenwich, CT  
2 webinars: 90 minute sessions

#### Tuition

Tuition for FWS, NPS and BLM personnel is prepaid. For participants from other agencies and organizations, there is a tuition charge of \$796.

#### To Register

Register online at <http://training.fws.gov> using DOI Learn, the Department of the Interior's Learning Management System. Course registration deadline: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. After this date, please call for availability.

#### Availability

Course is offered once per year.

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