



Next Generation Green Schools Program

Eco Activities for Elementary Schools

2007-2008 School Year

Next Generation is pleased to offer an array of fun, educational, and inspirational activities for elementary schools to empower a new generation and build sustainability from the ground up.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Interactive lessons, assemblies, presentations, and field trips for classes and entire schools that help students and teachers learn about environmental issues and become excited about working for sustainability.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Assembly (Grades K-4)

An entertaining assembly featuring our popular Mr. Stuff skit that teaches kids to reduce, reuse, recycle, and not litter. Excerpts can be seen online at www.blip.tv/file/152372/.

Go Organic! Puppet Show (Grades K-3)

A puppet show featuring friends from the garden that teaches kids the benefits of choosing organic to wildlife, the environment, and people. The puppet show includes a Pest or Pal in the garden segment. Interested teachers can receive a class set of the Kid's Guide to Backyard Bugs.

Eco-Adventure Field Trip (3rd grade and up)

We tailor a fun-filled day that can include explorations at an open space preserve, organic farm, resource recovery center, green home, organic ice cream shop and more! (Limited to 25 participants per trip)

Green Your School Lesson (3rd grade and up)

Reviews environmental problems, introduces sustainability, and empowers students to think about what they can do personally, at home, and at school to help the Earth.

Everything Starts With Water Lesson (3rd grade and up)

Explores the importance of water, our watershed, and where our water comes from. This lesson also addresses water issues and conservation in a kid-friendly, experiential format.

GREENING SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND BEHAVIORS

In addition to environmental education activities, we help students and schools to consider their impact on the environment and provide consultation services to help them green their behaviors and operations. We can also connect them with resources and experts who can support them to become more sustainable. We focus on issues including:

- Waste Reduction
- Recycling and Composting
- Energy Conservation
- Solar Energy
- Organic and Local Food
- School Gardens
- Walk and Bike to School
- Water Conservation
- Green Building
- Green Business / School Certification

SCHOOL CLUBS AND EVENTS

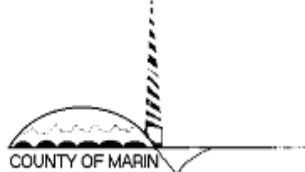
We offer meeting facilitation and support for environmental or social issues focused school clubs. We also host annual community and school-based events for youth and educators, including our Youth Activist Awards Ceremony, and help schools to plan their own sustainability events, including Earth Day festivals.

GETTING INVOLVED

During the past three years, Next Generation has sponsored activities at numerous schools throughout Marin, including Manor, Mary Silveira, and Neil Cummins Elementary Schools as well as numerous middle and high schools. Many of our activities, including water lessons and the Go Organic! Puppet Show, are free of charge. Other activities incur modest fees, and no school is turned away for lack of funds. For more information about this program, visit www.gonextgeneration.org or contact **Green Schools Program Coordinator Rebecca Mullaney** at 415.459.6398 or rebecca@gonextgeneration.org.



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