

2018-2019 Free Education Workshops

FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF

Beyond the School Garden: Field Trips into Nature

Take a field trip to Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and learn how to replicate such a trip with a group from your school! Activities will include a bird walk, a trip to the Midewin Visitors Center, and a grant writing exercise.

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018, 9am – 4:30pm

Where: Meet at Peck Elementary, 3826 W 58th St, Chicago, IL 60629; Bus will take group to Midewin Tallgrass Prairie in Wilmington, IL.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/NatureFieldTrips>



Climate Clinic Series

In this after-school series, learn about climate science, climate change impacts, and how to make simple connections to your curriculum and the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core Standards. STIPEND AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPATION.

When: TBD; three weekdays from 4:30 – 6:30pm.

Where: TBD

Email schools@openlands.org if you are interested.

How and Why to Teach Outdoors

Discover how to use the schoolyard as an extension of the classroom and the benefits of teaching outside. Participants in this high-energy workshop gain classroom management skills and create tools for taking their curriculum outdoors. We will come to you!

When: Two hours – during a PD day, lunch breaks, or after school.

Where: Your school

Who: All Staff

Email schools@openlands.org if you are interested. A fee applies to schools outside of the Building School Gardens and Space to Grow Network.



FOR MEMBERS OF YOUR GARDEN TEAM – STAFF, PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Offered in English and Spanish, with coffee and light snacks provided. If two teachers from your school attend the below workshops, your school will earn \$200 for school garden supplies.

Organizing Your Garden Team

An enthusiastic, committed Garden Team is crucial to the long success of the school garden. Come out and hear from other schools on how to create and sustain a successful Garden Team.

When: February 2019, TBD

Where: TBD



Vegetable Gardening Basics

At this workshop you will hear from an expert organic gardener on how to prepare and nourish the soil, what to plant when, and what plants are best for school gardens. Participants will create a vegetable garden layout specific to their school garden. Each participant will receive seeds that will get them started on their spring season planting!

When: March 2019, TBD

Where: TBD



Stewarding your School Garden

Did you know that across the United States, only 40% of school gardens are still being used and maintained two years after they are installed? Come to this workshop and your school can help increase that percentage! We'll go into the details on how to make sure your school garden gets enough water, the ongoing battle of keeping the garden weed free, and ideas on harvesting vegetables from your garden. Garden supplies will be provided.

When: April 2019, TBD

Where: TBD

To register for these, contact schools@openlands.org.

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