Gardening with Students: Creating an Outdoor Classroom

9 am-3 pm, Saturday, March 26, 2011
Belle Isle Nature Zoo, Detroit, MI

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Cost: No charge to Detroit and Pontiac school teachers. Includes lunch and one gardening book.

Credit Options: 0.5 SB-CEU for today’s workshop or 1.0 graduate credit from Michigan Technological University if you are already registered.

Agenda

9:00-9:20 am Introductions & Networking Opportunity

9:20-10:00 What Is an Outdoor Classroom?
Benefits of Outdoor Learning
Types of Outdoor Classrooms
Curriculum Links

10:00 Gardening at Belle Isle – divide into 3 groups and do some hands-on gardening!
- Butterfly Garden
- Wildflower Garden
- Backyard Demonstration Garden

11:00 Break

11:15 Getting Started Working with Students, School & Community
- Community Mapping, Cultural Connections, Habitat Connections
- Getting past Threats

Noon Lunch (provided)

12:45 Teaching Across the Curriculum in your Outdoor Classroom
- Resources
- Idea sharing

1:30 Teachers meet by school group or grade to brainstorm how they can create or expand their school garden

2:00 pm Maintenance Needs & Challenges

2:45 pm Evaluations & Closing