



Sustaining Sustainability: Regional Schools Going Green Conference, 2010

Presenters and Presentations

Morning Keynote Presentations: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- **Julie Tumamait** is well known in this region as a Chumash Elder and as a keeper and teacher of traditional Chumash wisdom and culture. We have asked Julie to share some of the fundamental principles of sustainability and relationship that are embedded in her culture.
- **Karen Brown**, the Creative Director for the Center for Ecoliteracy, will be giving us a glimpse of the Center's most recent publication, *Smart by Nature*. The Center for Ecoliteracy, co-founded by Frijof Capra, Zenobia Barlow, and Peter Buckley, is a resource dedicated to the support of education for sustainable living. *Smart by Nature* is a well-organized case study exploration of the emerging culture of sustainability education in a number of different schools...programs that in many cases are driven by students and involved community members.
- **Midland School** received one of this year's Governors Awards for Environmental and Economic Leadership. In the spirit of appreciation for the fine work being done by schools in our own region we have invited Head of School, Will Graham and Director of Environmental Programs, Lise Goddard to share Midland's journey toward cultivating a culture of sustainability at their school

After Lunch Keynote Presentation: 1:30 p.m. -2:15 p.m.

- **Paul Jenkin** is the Environmental Director of the Ventura Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Paul has been active in watershed education, conservation, and restoration with a particular emphasis on the Ventura River Watershed. Paul is co-producer of a new watershed awareness documentary, *Watershed Revolution*. We will have an opportunity to view Paul's documentary and discuss the importance of understanding our watersheds

Breakout Sessions: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Morning and afternoon breakouts are repeated to offer us the opportunity to participate in at least two of the breakout sessions

- **Tom Bostrum** is a landscape architect, arborist, and president of Ojai Trees, an organization dedicated to cultivating sustainability through the cultivation of community forests. We have invited Tom to speak in the morning session about the relationship between the cultivation of healthy community and the cultivation of community forests in urban planning.

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- ❑ **The Green Cup Challenge Kickoff** will be a special breakout in the afternoon session. This is the second year that West Coast independent schools will be joining East Coast independent schools in the competition to determine how much we can quantifiably reduce our energy consumption in the month of February. The school that can demonstrate the greatest percent of reduction will hold the coveted Green Cup for 2010. This is competitive sustainability at its best, and a lot of fun for participating schools!
- ❑ **Marleen Luckman & Lori Hamor** are active in the green schools movement as a part of the local organization, Food for Thought. Food for Thought has successfully collaborated with their public school district to introduce waste reduction policies, local food resources, school gardens, and green procurement policies. We have invited Marleen and Lori to share the practical resources and strategies they have used to cultivate green practices in the Ojai Unified School District.
- ❑ **Sean Jacobson** is an active advocate for sustainability education in schools. Most recently employed by REC Solar (the solar company that installed Athenian School's energy system), we have invited Sean to speak on practical renewable energy options for schools and the way energy systems can be integrated into our educational frameworks.
- ❑ **Van Vermeesch** is a part of Aqua-Flo Supply's new Environmental Solutions division. Van is active in working with schools toward the integration of efficient water conservation and management systems. We have invited Van to demonstrate the new generation of systems designed to catch and store rainwater for irrigation use, as well as to share new applications for efficient water use.
- ❑ **Peter Wilsrup** is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farmer cultivating food crops on the Besant Hill School land. Peter has been organic farming using the CSA model for many years and provides produce for our school as well as for the larger community. Peter will be available for discussion and tours of the CSA farm at Besant Hill School.

Self-Guided Exhibits

There will be a few exhibits available on campus for participants to visit at their convenience:

- ❑ **Mobile Solar Roller:** A small off-grid trailer that can be used as a mobile power source and educational tool
- ❑ **Composting Dining Waste:** A self-guided tour of Besant Hill School's food composting operation
- ❑ **Rainwater Collection Systems:** An exhibit from the Australian company that makes specialized rainwater storage tanks and rainwater collection accessories.