



Nature-Based Sustainable Living Skills Programs for Schools Introductory Year

Children's Permaculture Teacher Training

July 18-24



The first session of a three year program held one week each summer, concluding with a certification in Permaculture which is focused on children and K-12 education. This course is the first year in a series of three, held one week each summer. The first year is an introduction to permaculture and nature skills with a variety of ways to involve children. It will provide an opportunity to build your own support group for collaboration in developing resources to support your work with children and schools. You will discover ways your school program can contribute significantly towards creating a vibrant local economy and building self reliance into your local community.

The course will be held at Hummingbird Ranch in a beautiful alpine setting in northern NM, with camping or lodging available on site, and a kitchen available for your use.

We'll look into different methods of developing sustainable practices into human culture, and criteria for selecting topics for children.

We will be covering the basics of permaculture, which is one of the fastest and most efficient way to learn to live sustainably. Permaculture is a system of integrating human life with the natural world, and has to do with meeting our needs while working with nature rather than against it. We'll cover Permaculture principles and methods of designing sustainable homes and communities. Permaculture gardening will be introduced, as well as natural building. We will have hands on experiences for some permaculture techniques and some school projects that combine art, music and permaculture. We will also cover a few skills in providing one's needs in the wild, like wild foods and medicines, shelter building, and developing keen observation skills along with how to best prevent getting lost.



We will cover various methods of employing these subjects in schools, and I will share my experience in private, public and homeschool settings. We will do some work together on educational standards and cover some ways that these programs benefit children, families and local communities. The really exciting thing about the course will be discovering the potential that children have to help change the world, and what we can do to help make that happen. We will work on creating a team of support for each other as we go back to our homes and communities, and learn ways we can work together to bring support for this work.

Patty is the founder of the Institute of Permaculture Education for Children (IPEC) and has taught permaculture in schools since 2000. For more information about Patty and IPEC, go to <http://permacultureforchildren.org/>

FOOD

Participants will provide their own food and cooking.

COST

In order to make this course as available as possible, a sliding scale fee has been established. To determine your level of payment, please talk with Patty about your circumstances.

For six nights of camping and seven days of instruction: \$718 to \$440

For indoor accommodations, no sliding scale is available: \$886

REGISTRATION

The course is open to a maximum of 20 participants.

To register and to hear more about the course, contact Patty at info@permacultureforchildren.org or call 505-250-4667.

