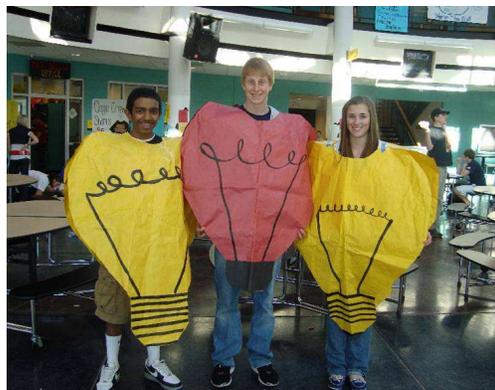




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Dear Jeanette,

We're gearing up for the next **Oregon Green Schools Summit, to be held in April 2014 in Corvallis!** It promises to be a memorable and educational time for students and faculty alike, so we hope you and your student group can make it.

Remember, it's free! See details below. **Also, it's not too early to start thinking about your school's Summit display!** [Visit our Summit Showcase pages for past ideas.](#)

As always, if you have questions, comments, suggestions, etc. please email us at: mail@oregongreenschools.org.

Stay warm!
 Jeanette Hardison,
 Admin Assistant to the OGSA Board

PS. Our newsletters usually include images (photos, logos, etc.). If you cannot see any, please enable images in your email program for maximum enjoyment. Thanks!

Year-End Charitable Giving to Green Schools

Just a reminder that Oregon Green Schools Association is a 501(c)3 Oregon non-profit organization, so any donations to OGSA are fully tax-deductible! **If you include us in your charitable giving this year, we would be delighted and grateful!** Please send your gift to PO Box 323, Corvallis OR 97339. Thank you!

School Spotlight:

PREMIER GREEN SCHOOL: Glencoe Elementary, Portland

Glencoe Elementary was first certified as a Green School in 1999, and is one of Portland Public Schools most active Green Schools. They've been at the Premier level since 2002.

Glencoe has a recycling team of 110 children, about ¼ of their school population, who rotate **weekly** to collect the recycling from the school. The students record what they collect, estimate the weight, and calculate the number of trees saved (based on one tree producing 118 lbs of paper). The number of trees saved is added to their recycling forest in the cafeteria which charts their progress (see right).

In addition to collecting recyclable materials in the classrooms, cafeteria, and staff room, they also collect them at school events. Glencoe uses reusable trays and silverware in their cafeteria and started a "Take what you want, Eat what you take" program to cut down on salad bar food waste.



Through this and many more efforts, Glencoe has reduced its waste down to only one 5 cubic yard dumpster pickup a week, one of the lowest amounts in the district. They reduced electricity use by an average of 4.4% so far, water use is down by 14.24 gallons and natural gas use is down by 46.17 therms per month since 2008. **Glencoe has built a strong ethic around sustainability and is proud to be a Premier Oregon Green School!** For a few more details about their efforts, [click here](#).

Congrats to Glencoe for their ongoing efforts!

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Oregon Green Schools Summit: April 11th, 2014, 8:30am-1:30pm

Please Save The Date for our **17th annual Oregon Green Schools Summit, in Corvallis**. Meet other Green Schools from across the state for a day of learning and networking. Get energized about resource conservation and waste reduction. **It's FREE! It's FUN!**



YOUR SCHOOL'S OREGON GREEN SCHOOLS CERTIFICATION MUST BE CURRENT on January 31st and on the day of the Summit to be qualified to attend! [Contact your local Oregon Green Schools Coordinator](#) for details.

Further Summit details and a registration reminder will be emailed to you later this fall. **Registration opens in January 2014**. Don't miss out: Be sure we have your correct email.

If you have questions about the 2014 Green Schools Summit, please contact Jeanette Hardison, OGS Administrative Assistant, at jeanette@oregongreenschools.org.

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Further Reduce Your Garbage! Earn money for your school!



**Recycle drink pouches, snack bar wrappers,
chip bags & more, with TerraCycle!
Help earn your Green School certification!**

In 2007, TerraCycle launched a pilot recycling program with popular kid's beverage company Capri Sun and others to collect drink pouches, hoping to "reduce the landfill waste caused by the number of those convenient, durable pouches commonly found in lunch boxes and on the sidelines of the soccer fields nationwide."

In the span of six years, TerraCycle and Capri Sun, with vital support and participation from Drink Pouch Participants, have **saved over 200 million pouches from the landfill, earning a total of \$4 million dollars in donations awarded to schools** and charities in reward for collection.

[Click here to find out how YOUR school can benefit from collecting these otherwise non-recyclable items!](#)

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School Resources

Earn University Credit for Teaching the California EPA's "Education & the Environment Initiative" Curriculum

The next self-paced online Continuing Education course "*Teaching the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) Curriculum*" runs January 13 - February 23, 2014. This 6-week course is available to the first 20 paid registrants.

You'll teach a class of students the EEI Curriculum unit you choose, engaging them with new and exciting standards-based and Common Core connected curriculum.

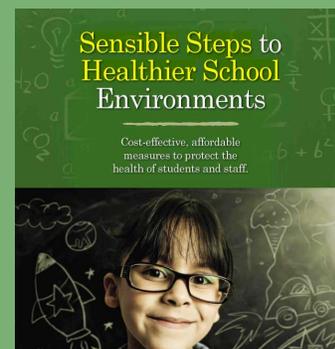
Selecting the unit you want to teach ensures you can stay on *your* schedule -- and of course, curriculum materials are included in the course cost. By completing this convenient and flexible online course, you will earn one university credit issued by the Department of Extended Learning at California State University San Marcos (CSUSM).

For the course syllabus, cost, how to register and future course dates, visit <http://www.californiaeei.org/CEUProgram/default.htm>.

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U.S. EPA Sensible Steps to Healthier School Environments WEBINAR SERIES

This webinar series will outline sensible, low- or no-cost steps that school communities can take to create healthier environments in their buildings. Each webinar will feature school district personnel from across the country presenting their real-life examples and solutions.



NEXT WEBINAR: December 17, 2013, 12:00pm (PST)
Renovate Right: EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule



- Learn about the health effects of lead on children.
- Learn how the RRP Rule applies to K-12 schools
- Discover ways that school and early learning professionals can protect their students from lead poisoning

[REGISTER HERE for the Dec 17th Webinar](#)

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New AWARD-WINNING online class: Recycling 101

In collaboration with several non-profit organizations and government agencies, the Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) launched an on-line, self-paced class this year called Recycling 101 (<https://pne.oregonstate.edu/catalog/recycling-101>).

This excellent, **award-winning course** includes approximately 20 high quality videos, interactive games and short tests spread throughout eight modules. The cost is \$75 for individuals and \$50 for organizations that purchase 5 or more registrations.

What's the difference between Recycling 101 & the Master Recycler Course?

The Master Recycler Program:

- Combines presentations from over 25 different experts, with 40 hours of interactive instruction and field trips.
- Gives students the opportunity to meet 20-30 of their fellow community members that have the same interests and motivations for learning the material.
- Has a real focus on your area's local and regional programs whereas the Recycling 101 course gives more of a state-wide perspective.
- While the Master Recycler class is the best way to get the information, clearly not everyone can commit to eight evening classes and three weekend field trips.

The Recycling 101 Program:

- Provides flexibility so **students can take the class over the course of a few days or even months.**
- Doesn't include a volunteer payback element so it is a good option for employers that want to give their employees a solid foundation in the topics covered in the class, but can't require them to spend 30 hours educating the community.
- Great way for any busy person that needs to juggle the course around their work and family responsibilities.
- Appropriate for some people that may not be able to attend the evening classes or who live far away from the site that the Master Recycler class is taught.
- Recycling 101 is also available in Spanish which will make this information available to a much larger segment of our community.

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Educator Resources

The Career Toolbox: The Guide for Educators

[View this online resource](#), developed for teachers, to help you build your skills in everything from

new technologies to communications. The Career Toolbox hopes to supply educators with the resources you need to succeed in the changing world of education.

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OSU's ECampus Offers Online Environmental Classes

Oregon State University has a HUGE variety of environmental classes that are available online, geared toward adults. Here are just a few of the offerings, below.



- [Master Gardener \(fall and winter courses\)](#)
- [Oregon Master Naturalist \(fall and winter courses\)](#)
- [Growing Fruit Trees in the Pacific Northwest](#) (dates TBA, in Portland and Oregon City)
- [Landscaping with Native Plants](#) (available anytime, online, self-paced)
- [Recycling 101](#) (available anytime, online, self-paced)
- [Master Interpretive Guide Professional Certificate](#) (begins May 1, 2014, online)
- [Free-Choice Learning Professional Certificates](#) (various dates, all online)
- Click [HERE](#) for a complete listing of classes

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The Oregon Green Schools Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 1997. We are dedicated to helping Oregon schools set up and maintain effective, permanent waste reduction and resource efficiency programs that improve school environments and communities, and to recognizing schools for their efforts and achievements.

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