

Schoolyard Habitat Leadership Summit: *Connecting Communities through Nature*

Tuesday October 25, 2016
Audubon Greenwich, 613 Riversville Rd. Greenwich, CT
9:00am—3:45pm



Workshop Descriptions

- 9:45am: **Keynote, Akiima Price-** *Akiima will share successes and challenges in considering the social and physical environmental factors of a high crime, low income community and building out creative programming strategies that use nature to cultivate community efficacy in places marked by poverty and environmental degradation.*
- 11:00am-12:00pm: **Session 1- Making Connections that Matter-** *This workshop is designed to promote awareness around opportunities for increased cultural capacity and mapping actions that increase social capital and integrate opportunities for social capital community integration as an organizational value. The end result is to determine intersections between community priorities and schoolyard habitats and create culturally relevant schoolyard habitat programming for young children and their caregivers within the community.*
- Session 2- Engagement Round Tables: Peer-to-Peer Exchange-** *Round table discussions will focus on the successes and challenges around five main themes necessary for successful long-term engagement in your schoolyard habitat project: maintenance, fundraising, engaging the school, leading your team, using your habitat. Round table discussions will be led by leaders from an active schoolyard habitat team.*
- 1:30pm-2:30pm: **Session 3- Education Connections- Integration into the Curriculum-** *Using a variety of tools and resources from the Schoolyard Habitat Program, learn about how to integrate outdoor teaching into your curriculum. Educators from Audubon and Common Ground will give a short program overview and lead participants through an outdoor lesson. Hear from teachers who have used their schoolyard as an outdoor classroom and exchange ideas for your own teaching.*
- Session 4- Education Connections- Citizen Science for the Classroom-** *Interested in using technology to monitor birds right in your schoolyard!? In this workshop, participants will learn how to use the citizen science application developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology- eBird. After a short presentation, participants will move outside to practice working with the app. It is advisable to download the app on your mobile device prior to the workshop. You can download eBird here: www.ebird.org*
- 2:30pm-3:30pm: **Designing Healthy Wildlife Habitats-** *Participants will be introduced to the major tenants of creating healthy habitats with birds and other wildlife in mind. The majority of time, participants will be able to explore these concepts in themed outside habitat station and ask questions of station naturalists and biologists. Stations include: planting with birds in mind, planting with pollinators in mind, creating habitat in small spaces, enhancing woodland areas for birds and incorporating habitat into nature play areas at schools*



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