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Multicultural Environmental Education:

Educators Learn How to Connect EE with Diverse Audiences

(Oakland, CA) – Bay Area environmental educators are invited to learn how to connect environmental literacy efforts with diverse cultural audiences through an upcoming workshop. The Bay Area CREEC Network will host the workshop, *Building Bridges, Connecting with Your Audience*, this Saturday, October 25.

A number of organizations will be on hand to outline how they overcame barriers to addressing diversity. “These environmental education organizations will share a variety of strategies that help them meet the needs of a multicultural student population,” said Laura Powell, Bay Area CREEC Co-Coordinator. “It’s important to learn from those in our field who have already been successful.”

The workshop will also offer sessions that focus on community building and connecting with your audience. “There are a number of opportunities environmental educators have to connect with diverse audiences,” said Powell. “We’ll highlight issues such as language diversity, multicultural curriculum, and environmental justice.”

Running Grass, Director of Three Circles Center, will be the keynote speaker. He has been an environmental educator for over 20 years and has pioneered multicultural approaches to environmental education for more than a decade. His keynote will address how environmental education can be transformed using cultural stories.

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The workshop cost is \$25 per person, includes meals and environmental education resources. It from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Chabot Space and Science Center, 10000 Skyline Drive, Oakland. Directions are available at www.chabotspace.org or call 510-336-7300.

The workshop is designed for K-12 instructors as well as non-formal educators. For more information contact Bay Area CREEC Network at 510-482-4576 or bacreec@sbcglobal.net. The workshop is sponsored by the Bay Area CREEC Network in partnership with Crissy Field Center.

About the Bay Area CREEC Network

The Bay Area CREEC Network is part of a statewide California Department of Education project called the California Regional Environmental Education Community Network. The Network's purpose is to increase and improve environmental education in California classrooms by linking educators with high quality resources. Through networking and collaboration within and across communities, we seek to support – and not to supplant—existing environmental education efforts. Bay Area CREEC serves seven Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano.

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