

# Programs for Educators • 2009



## Professional Development Opportunities for Educators

Professional development is facilitated learning that builds skills and knowledge.

### Our program participants will:

- ▶ discover new knowledge and acquire new teaching skills as engaged learners
- ▶ explore and gain expertise in the fields of place-based and sustainability education, environmental and agricultural education, and service-learning.
- ▶ enrich their integrated, standards-based curricula through content-rich programming and research-based instructional strategies
- ▶ collaborate and share their expertise as colleagues, exchange best practices and glean new teaching ideas and resources.
- ▶ acquire practical and easily transferable resources and instructional practices.

### Your students will be able to:

- ▶ explore real-world issues through relevant and meaningful hands-on learning.
- ▶ investigate their communities to gain a better understanding and appreciation of their natural and cultural resources and to foster a sense of stewardship.
- ▶ engage with their teachers in a process of discovery and lifelong learning.

### An Inspiring Campus:

- ▶ Shelburne Farms is a 1,400-acre working farm, National Historic Landmark, and nonprofit environmental education organization.
- ▶ Its farmyard, meadows, woodlots, pastures, and gardens are a microcosm of the teaching environments in most participants' communities.
- ▶ Located along miles of Lake Champlain shoreline.
- ▶ Shelburne Farms' mission is to cultivate a conservation ethic by teaching and demonstrating the stewardship of natural and agricultural resources.



“The connections that people make, the value they now place on our neighborhood and our community resources, these are things that have changed. The school yard will never be looked at the same, we now use that as a resource for learning.”

“This workshop helped me get back to my educational philosophy and what I believe learning is really about.”

— Cara Cabler  
Principles & Promising Practices, 2008

# Workshops & Institutes



## Principles & Promising Practices of Place-Based Education

Thursday–Saturday  
**JUNE 25–27**

**FEE:** \$389. One graduate credit optional for additional \$175 • **PRESENTED BY:** Shelburne Farms  
**INFORMATION:** Erica Curry, [ecurry@shelburnefarms.org](mailto:ecurry@shelburnefarms.org), 802-985-0325.

Use your local community and environment as an integrating context for teaching and take your students' place-based learning to another level. Discover how service-learning projects can enhance your community's understanding of place.

## Community Works' Institute on Service-Learning

Monday–Friday, **JULY 20–24**

**TIME:** 8:30 AM–4:30 PM • **FEE:** \$989 includes books & training materials, breaks & lunches. Excludes lodging. 3 graduate credits optional for additional \$552. **PRESENTED BY:** Vermont Community Works in partnership with Shelburne Farms • **INFORMATION:** Joe Brooks, [jbrooks@vermontcommunityworks.org](mailto:jbrooks@vermontcommunityworks.org). Downloadable brochure at: [www.communityworksonline.org](http://www.communityworksonline.org)

The Institute provides K-16 teachers, community educators, and administrators with training, models, strategies, and resources for developing service-learning and sustainability as an integrated feature of curriculum with clear links to standards.

## Education for Sustainability (EFS) Institute

Wednesday & Thursday  
**AUGUST 5 & 6**

**TIME:** 8:30 AM–4:30 PM • **FEE:** \$389 includes materials and lunch, excludes lodging; scholarships available. 1 graduate credit for additional \$175. • **PRESENTED BY:** Shelburne Farms' Sustainable Schools Project  
**INFORMATION:** Matt Dubel, [mdubel@shelburnefarms.org](mailto:mdubel@shelburnefarms.org), 802-985-0331 or [www.sustainableschoolsproject.org](http://www.sustainableschoolsproject.org)

This institute helps both formal and non-formal educators use the lens of sustainability to enhance curriculum and campus ecology, and to build community partnerships.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
WWW.SHELBURNEFARMS.ORG  
TO REGISTER FOR ANY  
WORKSHOP OR INSTITUTE,  
CALL 802-985-0341**

“Place-based Education Is not scary!  
It is just a common sense approach  
to engaging students and the  
community in learning and  
education.”

— Arnell Paquette  
Principles & Promising Practices, 2008



# Project Seasons Opportunities

**PROJECT SEASONS** is a printed collection of seasonal, multi-age activities and teaching ideas developed by teachers and agricultural educators over the past 20 years.

## PROJECT SEASONS Summer Workshop

Monday–Friday, **JULY 13–17**

**TIME:** 9:00 AM–4:00 PM • **FEE:** \$400 includes copy of PROJECT SEASONS (scholarships available). Two graduate credits optional for additional \$368 • **PRESENTED BY:** Shelburne Farms • **INFORMATION:** Linda Wellings, 802-985-0308, lwellings@shelburnefarms.org

Discover exciting, interdisciplinary, and hands-on ways to enrich your science curriculum with easy-to-use activities on environmental and agricultural topics. This workshop is designed to increase science literacy and cultivate connections by tracing the food we eat and the clothes we wear back to the farm.

## PROJECT SEASONS Farmer Workshops

**INFORMATION:** Erica Curry, ecurry@shelburnefarms.org 802-985-0325

**2009 DATES TBA: check Farm website.**

Develop hands-on education programs for your farm that encourage school groups and visitors to learn and explore. Whatever your farming background and whatever your farm, these seasonal workshops are for you! Topics include marketing your farm program to schools and the community, creating a safe farm environment for the public, and meeting teachers' needs.

## PROJECT SEASONS In-Service & On-Farm Workshops

**INFORMATION:** Linda Wellings, 802-985-0308, lwellings@shelburnefarms.org

Custom-designed to help teachers address science grade-level expectations and to facilitate farm education programs.

- ▶ One-day school visits by our staff
- ▶ Graduate-level courses during school year
- ▶ One- or multi-day consultations on your farm with you and/or your farm cooperative group.



“Your Project Seasons book came alive in the workshop and was enhanced by the Shelburne Farms setting.”

Participant, 2008  
Project Seasons Summer Workshop

## One-Day Workshops linked to School Programs

**TIME:** 9:00 AM–3:00 PM • **FEE:** \$30 (scholarships available) • **INFORMATION:** Margaret Burke, 802-985-0327, mburke@shelburnefarms.org

Open to all educators who want to learn more about a specific subject, these workshops help to integrate our field trip topics with classroom work. If you're a home-schooling parent, farmer hosting schools on your farm, or you have a special interest in a topic, come learn from experts in the field. You'll also observe and model appropriate teaching methods and begin to develop assessment techniques.

### Animals in Winter Friday, **JANUARY 16**

What strategies do Vermont animals use to survive the winter? We will examine their methods and hone our tracking skills as we hike through fields and forests searching for signs of animal activity winter. Come network with other teachers, experience our favorite activities and resources, and share some of your own.

### “On the Road” Geology Thursday, **MAY 21**

Join a hands-on exploration of rocks and minerals with geologist Marjorie Gale as she explains the geologic history of Vermont. An indoor presentation will be complemented by an outside exploration along the shores of Lake Champlain to discover the dramatic ways the landscape has changed over time.

TO REGISTER FOR ANY WORKSHOP, CALL 802-985-0341