



Kids, Butterflies and Seed Balls

This class will be hands on, teaching kids the Permaculture ethics of Care of Earth and the life ethic which recognizes that all life has an intrinsic value.

The monarch butterfly species has suffered severe habitat degradation due to mans encroachment and development. One thing that we can do to help this amazing insect survive is to

re-establish plant species that they feed on, specifically the Desert milkweed (*Asclepias subulata*).

Seed balls are a very old strategy used by Native Americans to store and plant seeds in a desert environment.

Children will learn of the connections that all living things share and will learn how to make and plant seed balls designed to increase monarch habitat.

Things to bring for each child:

- ✦ Large unbreakable mixing bowl
- ✦ Tupperware container (at least 1qt) with lid to carry finished Seed balls home
- ✦ Milkweed seed and or wildflower seeds if you have them (we have enough for this class but more is always welcome)
- ✦ Towels or rags to clean up with
- ✦ Chairs and drinking water

It is expected that this presentation will last at least 2 hours and be held outdoors, so dress accordingly. Smiling Dog Learning center is located at a working nursery and it is our expectation that children will be accompanied by parents or custodian. All participants will be asked to fill out a Liability waiver before attending.

\$5 donation suggested per attendee (parents included) Class size will be limited / RSVP required

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