San Diego Natural History Museum Announces
Sustainable Planet: Children and Nature Lecture Series

August 12, 2010; San Diego—Beginning Saturday, September 4, the San Diego Natural History Museum will continue its popular Sustainable Planet lecture series. Sustainable Planet: Children and Nature will focus on the relationship between children and nature with insights provided by some of the country’s leading experts on education, architectural design, and environmental literacy. The lectures are $5 per person, per lecture. More information is available online: www.sdnhm.org/education/lectures.html.

Drawing Inspiration from Art & Nature
Wildlife artist Robert Bateman
World-renowned wildlife artist Robert Bateman started his “Get to Know” program 10 years ago to encourage children to go outside and explore nature. Hear Bateman discuss his own personal connection with the natural world and describe how he uses his art to inspire people—especially children—to find their own place in nature.
Saturday, September 4, 2010; 4–5:30 PM

Connecting San Diego’s Kids to Nearby Nature
Panel Discussion/Town Hall Meeting
San Diego enjoys some of the highest park acreage per capita of any large city in the U.S. Despite this, our children have grown increasingly disconnected from nature. Hear from a panel of local experts how we can reconnect our children with the great outdoors, even if it is just around the corner!
Tuesday, October 5, 2010; 6:30–8 PM

Nature in Human Development: From Childhood Maturation to Design of the Built Environment
Stephen Kellert, Yale School of Forestry
Explore the role of nature in the evolution of human biology and culture. Learn how we can better connect the natural and built environments, focusing on “biophilic design” as a strategy for creating positive, beneficial connections between children and nature in the human-built environment.
Tuesday, November 9, 2010; 6:30–8 PM

Grounding Learning in Place and Community
Greg Smith, Lewis & Clark College
Discover an approach to teaching and learning that is breaking down the boundary that often stands between schools and the social and natural worlds that exist beyond them. Teachers who adopt this approach—called place- and community-based education—integrate local knowledge and concerns into the classroom, involve students in field studies and real-world problem solving, and work with community partners to provide
opportunities for young people to participate in projects that have value for others. Greg Smith is one of the nation’s leading experts on place-based education.

**Tuesday, January 25, 2011; 6:30–8 PM**

**A Good Place to Grow Up is Green**  
*Louise Chalwa, University of Colorado*

Building on the Growing Up in Cities program of UNESCO and the Child Friendly Cities Initiative of UNICEF, this lecture shares methods for enabling young people to evaluate their communities and design places that are a “genial green:” where they feel safe, engaged, valued, and empowered to care for their communities and the larger web of life.

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011; 6:30–8 PM**

**Smart by Nature: Schooling for Sustainability**  
*Lisa Bennett, Center for Ecoliteracy*

Discover how K–12 schools nation are greening their education to prepare young people to overcome today's environmental challenges and inspire sustainable living practices and solutions. The Center for Ecoliteracy, a leader in the green-schooling movement, supports and advances education for sustainable living.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2010; 6:30–8 PM**

**About the San Diego Natural History Museum:**

Celebrating its 136th year, the San Diego Natural History Museum is the second oldest scientific institution in California; third west of the Mississippi. A binational museum, its mission is to interpret the natural world through research, education, and exhibits; to promote understanding of the evolution and diversity of southern California and the peninsula of Baja California and to inspire in all a respect for nature and the environment. Located in Balboa Park at the intersection of Village Place and Park Blvd., the Museum is open daily except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Phone: 619.232.3821. Website: [www.sdnhm.org](http://www.sdnhm.org).

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