

workshops

bootcamp fitness

sustainable living series

We host a series of ongoing workshops, classes and events that teach our community about becoming more responsible sustainable citizens. Our workshops range from exercise classes, food and nutrition, native plant nurture and growth to sustainable living practices, such as urban farming, graywater and aquaponics.



Check our website often for upcoming events.

services

field trips

venue rental

We offer our space for:

- community events
- interest groups
- corporate events
- school field trips

venue rental:

- birthday parties
- private events
- lunch or dinner parties

CSA:

farm bag pickup through freshnessfarms.com



The California Native Garden Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational, research, and resource organization that promotes gardening with California native plants; educates the public and design community on the value of native gardens through classes, field trips, garden tours, and publications, and designs and builds school gardens to use as outdoor classrooms utilizing a healthy and sustainable land use model.

Our mission is to demonstrate the beauty, garden worthiness, and ecological appropriateness of California native gardens and to advance knowledge of native plants and increase their availability.



We are improving our public schools. Contact us to get more information about how your school can apply for a grant to build an ELSEE garden following our Healthy Land Use model.



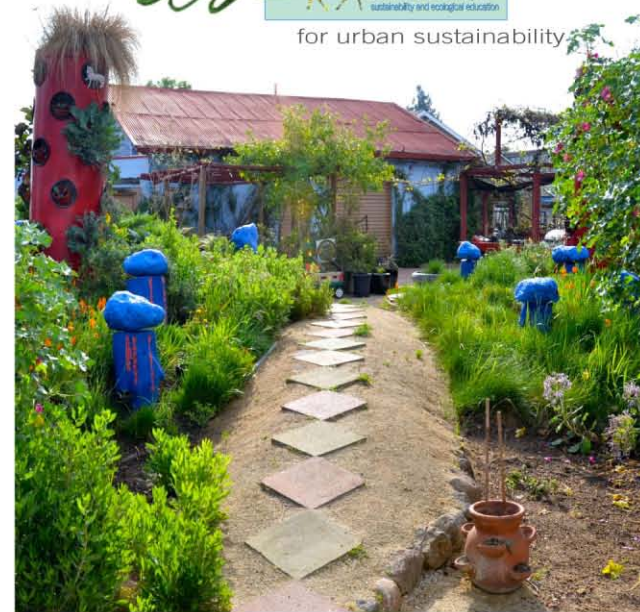
We receive funds from our partner schools, corporate and private donations, and grants, as well as revenue generated from our events and classes. We thank everyone who has provided this support.

GET INVOLVED:

We are actively involved in transforming our community into a better and more ecologically sustainable place to live. Please join us to help achieve our vision.

- college internship program
- membership in CNGF
- volunteer

Go to: middlebrookcenter.com/getinvolved/



We pounded through an asphalt parking lot on Race Street 14 years ago and created what is now the Middlebrook Center's ELSEE Gardens. This is home to the non-profit California Native Garden Foundation (CNGF) devoted to collecting, displaying, growing, selling and educating the public about native plants. We created a "Healthy Land Use" model that restores California native plant communities, while protecting our soils and enhancing biodiversity. We've found creative ways to grow food that keeps our land, our bodies and our planet healthy.

It's time to pass this knowledge to the next generation. Our children will be the ones who will build the healthy cities of tomorrow.

Alrie Middlebrook
Founder of CNGF and ELSEE

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Eating California is an eating and social experience venue hosted at the Middlebrook Center.



Our California native and edible garden has a full outdoor kitchen and dining facilities. We host events throughout the year.



Check our website for tickets to events with featured guest chefs.



Call us for a tour (408) 292-9993



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Argonne Elementary School
San Francisco, CA, Feb. 2014

Our work with installing ELSEE model teaching gardens in public schools is an ongoing effort. The ELSEE school model designs gardens that are used as teaching tools emphasizing our four core values: life sciences, sustainability, eco-literacy, and healthy eating.



The Environmental Laboratory for Sustainability and Ecological Education



— **ELSEE** — is a childhood learning laboratory in an urban San Jose neighborhood that provides the citizens of tomorrow with the values and skills to develop and sustainably manage the City of Tomorrow.



Aquaponics Manager:
Ojan Mobedshahi

Middlebrook Summer a camp for young earthlings



Spend an amazing summer in our urban edible teaching garden.

In the morning, harvest and prepare food, tend the fish & chickens, help out with our daily urban farm chores and learn all about the nature around us. Lunch is picked and prepared daily and included for all morning campers. Summer afternoons are fun hands-on activities set in a natural environment. **Each week is different.**



June 9 - August 8, 2014

Ages 9 - 12 (grades 1-6); Half Day or Full Day
register at: middlebrookcenter.com



Camp Director:
Brendan Ruiz