

# Outdoor Learning Symposium

Building the Toolbox to Grow Outdoor Learning



## Session 1: Outdoor Classrooms September 27, 4:00 - 5:30 pm MST

### Speaker, Susan Schipull

Susan Schipull is the School Gardens Resource Teacher for Albuquerque Public Schools. Prior to this position, Susan was the coordinator and garden elective teacher for the Wildcat Blooms garden at Wilson Middle School in Albuquerque, where she maintained the garden with her students and the help of community volunteer and garden committee member, Kate Porterfield for five years. Susan and Kate also used an indoor classroom to create a grow lab that includes two hydroponics systems to support their garden curriculum. In addition, Susan and Kate have co-sponsored a two-tiered summer garden internship and an after-school internship throughout the school year. Susan has taught for 30+ years and also has worked as an At-Risk Coordinator and an administrator during her career.



**Why is Outdoor and Environmental Learning important to you?** “I have watched outdoor learning benefit so many students as I watch them learn, discover their strengths, and become caretakers of the natural world.”

**Presentation:** Susan will present with Kate Porterfield about using outdoor spaces for multiple content areas and in multiple ways.