Each fall, monarch butterflies east of the Rocky Mountains make a 2,000 mile migration to Mexico, while monarchs west of the Rockies migrate to the California coast, overwintering in places like Pismo Beach and Pacific Grove.

The powerful story of the monarch butterfly inspired the emergence of Monarch Teacher Network (MTN) in 2001 and its Canadian partners in 2003. This past year, MTN trained nearly 600 teachers in the U.S. and Canada... in Florida, New Jersey, Virginia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Iowa and Oklahoma, in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba. In 2011, MTN will train even more teachers and will do its first workshops in California.

'Teaching and Learning With Monarch Butterflies' is a two-day teacher workshop combining classroom and field experiences. It enables pre-K through 12th grade educators to teach essential skills in literacy, math, science, geography, technology, Spanish, the arts and social studies... through the captivating story of monarchs. Teachers are provided with all the materials they need to bring this exciting subject into the classroom.

Workshops are taught by a team of experienced teachers and educators. Participants are provided with the knowledge, skills, materials and confidence to raise monarchs in the classroom and create an outstanding learning experience for students. Workshop graduates can apply for $400-$1000 MTN fellowship awards to participate in one week MTN tours of Mexico where we visit the overwintering colonies of monarchs and explore Mexican culture and its U.S connections.

Each participant receives: Hands-on instruction by experienced teachers; Rearing cages, books, posters, DVDs and other materials; Strategies for butterfly gardens and “Monarch Parades”; Inquiry-based science activities for all abilities; Activities for Mexican/pre-Hispanic culture, history and Spanish language; Activities for language arts, math, social studies, drama, and fine arts; Distance learning projects with schools in Canada/Mexico; Proven models for engaging community support; Post-workshop support.

For more information: www.MonarchTeacherNetwork.org

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Here is what people are saying:

- “This was the most awesome learning experience in my 30 years of teaching.”
- “Thank you for all the insights - reflecting on our way of life and how to make a difference.”
- “Everyone’s commitment, dedication, energy and obvious passion for this project are outstanding and contagious ... wonderful ambassadors for the planet Earth!”
- “What a magical place the classroom will be! I can’t wait to try to connect kids even more to the environment.”
- “I have never had monarchs in my classroom and now I am excited to start this new amazing classroom activity! I feel fully equipped to start this new hands-on adventure!”

Workshop Details

Dates: June 29-30, 2011  
Location: Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo, CA  
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day  
Cost: Reduced cost may apply; see details below

Name_______________________________ Summer E-mail (important) _______________________

Home Address (street, city) __________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________State___________zip__________

Home phone: (____) ____________________ Grade taught__________T-shirt size__________

School Name and Address:

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The normal fee for this workshop is $99 per person.

☐ Through a grant, this workshop has a limited number of scholarships for teachers; awardees pay a $30 fee only. To be considered for a scholarship: fax, mail or email the completed form to MTN. You will be quickly contacted by email to confirm the status of your scholarship application. No workshop space will be held until this registration form is received; if paying by Purchase Order, please fax this form to us while the PO is being prepared. Registration will be confirmed by e-mail. Questions? Call 856-582-7000 x110, or email Brian at bhayes@eirc.org

Mail payment to: Monarch Teacher Network at EIRC, South Jersey Technology Park, 107 Gilbreth Parkway, Suite 200, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Fax: 856-582-4206.

Applications can be emailed to Kathleen at kpasquariello@eirc.org