

BAY AREA PLAY COALITION presents:

# THE 'PLAY RANGER' TRAINING PROGRAM

## FEATURING WILD ZONES

With Co-Founders David Hawkins and Karen Payne



**Sat, November 15, 2008**

**10:15 - 11:45 am**

**Berkeley Public Library**

(Downtown Branch)

Corner of Shattuck and Kittredge; Downtown Berkeley BART (Richmond line)  
AC Transit accessible; Nearby parking garages on Kittredge and on Allston



### What are Wild Zones?

Wild Zones are places where adults, children and adolescents can playfully co-create new forms of public space that enliven people's connection with each other and with nature. Each Wild Zone is an outdoor laboratory of creativity with open-ended possibilities for self-designed and spontaneous play, learning, and socializing. They differ from parks and nature reserves because they offer opportunities to alter the environment rather than leaving it untouched – places to build dens, forts and treehouses, make new pathways, mess around with water and mud, climb trees, create sculptures from natural materials, invent games and other types of free play.

### What is 'Play Ranger' Training?

Co-Founders David Hawkins and Karen Payne will present background on the Wild Zones movement and an orientation to their training program, "Play Rangers". This training addresses the role of adults in 'unstructured play' in the light of current research about the vital importance of free play in nature for children's learning and development. Concrete examples of how David and Karen facilitate free play outdoors will demonstrate the methods and impacts of Wild Zones and Play Rangers.

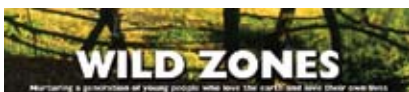
### Who's Coming?

Parents, teachers, early childhood educators, museum staff, park and recreation employees, public health advocates, artists, and child development professionals who are concerned about the loss of play in the lives of children – and committed to doing as much as they can to restore this precious and vital aspect of our children's lives. Join us and network with Play Advocates!



**RSVP by Nov 7, 2008**

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