



# What Is SunWise?

**S**unWise is a free, fun, and interactive environmental and health education program that aims to teach children and their caregivers how to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun through sustained sun-safe behaviors. The SunWise Program had tremendous success in K through 8 schools. It was pilot-tested in 130 schools in 38 states during the 1999-2000 school year and is now being incorporated as a teaching tool in more than 14,000 schools throughout the nation.

## Fast Facts

- \* 1 in 5 Americans develop skin cancer in their lifetime.
- \* More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.

## What Do You Receive?

### SunWise Tool Kit

- \* More than 40 cross-curricular classroom activities for K-8 learning levels that are aligned with national educational standards
- \* SunWise: A Sun Safety Program for K-8 video
- \* UV-sensitive Frisbee

### SunWise Internet Learning Site and UV Database

- \* Resources on sun protection, health and the environment
- \* Daily reports and measurements of UV radiation
- \* Online interactive educational activities for kids

### SunWise Publications

- \* Posters, brochures, newsletters, activity books (Spanish versions also available)

*All materials are public domain and FREE*

## SunWise in Action

Examples of successful integration of SunWise into museums and other institutions include the following:

- \* **The McWane Center** in Birmingham, Alabama, hosts SunWise teacher workshops and community events to promote protecting the environment and sun safety. In addition, the center uses SunWise kits in its summer camp programs and in its home school curriculum.
- \* **The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum** in Chicago, Illinois, uses SunWise as part of its teacher workshops on climate change, as well as festivals for scout groups and students from its Park Voyagers Afterschool Program.
- \* **The Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)** in Tampa, Florida, uses SunWise as part of its summer camps and environmental science program for teachers and students.
- \* **The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center** in Sacramento, California, uses SunWise as part of its volunteer training program for outdoor events at the museum and as supplemental activities for its summer camps.







**J**oin more than 1,300 informal educational institutions across the nation that are teaching kids about sun safety.

By integrating the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SunWise program into activities and events with an emphasis on science, these museums are helping thousands of kids understand the importance of sun-safe behaviors to prevent health problems later in life.

You can be part of this exciting initiative and help spread important sun-safety messages by incorporating SunWise into the following types of educational programs:

- \* Day camps, after-school clubs, and health fairs
- \* Professional development and teacher training workshops
- \* Exploration stations and nature trail activities
- \* Community events, family programs, and festivals
- \* Outreach to parks and recreation services
- \* Partnerships with schools or local broadcast meteorologists



## For More Information

To learn more about SunWise workshops, receive a free SunWise Tool Kit, or obtain more information about the program, contact:

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