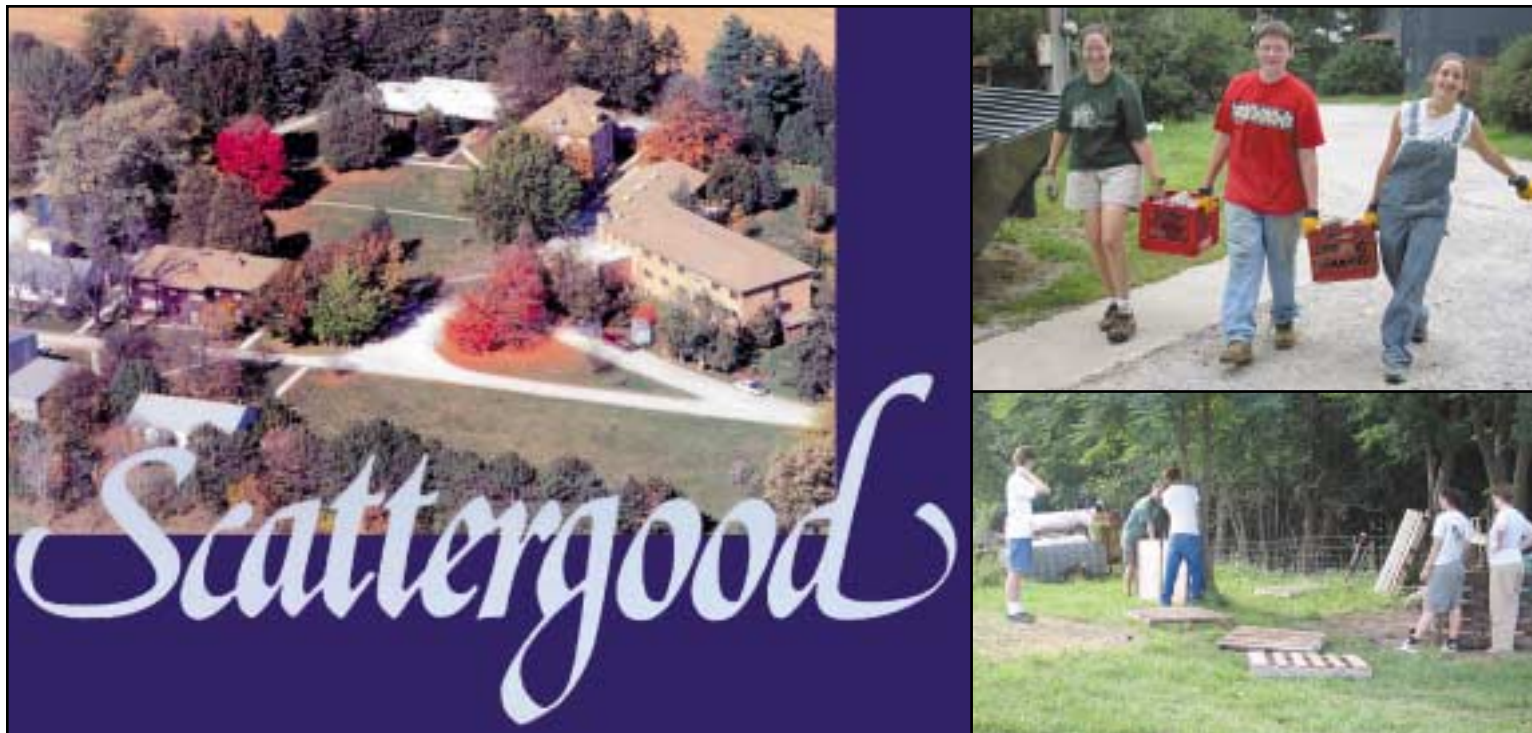


Iowa Recycling Awards

2004 Best School Recycling Program



Scattergood Friends School

Founded in 1890, Scattergood Friends School embraces well-established Quaker educational values. The school teaches simplicity, harmony, responsibility, non-violence, and the dignity of shared work – right alongside humanities, math, languages, science, and social studies – to its 55 to 65 students in grades 9 through 12.

“Scattergood is unique in its educational approach, its emphasis on living in community, and its devotion to fostering the growth of the whole person, all of which are rooted in Quaker values,” says Jan Lucini, Scattergood Friends School Director.

Staff and students work together in a “crew program,” to prepare meals and clean-up, mop and sweep, maintain the library, do work on the grounds and farm, clean classrooms and recycle in addition to their traditional studies. Through this communal work, Scattergood fosters a spirit of egalitarianism, knowledge of our interdependence, and a sense of responsibility for the environment.

Food waste from meals and compostable paper produce compost heaps that enrich the school’s many organic gardens. Compostables and recyclables are collected in marked rubberized tubs throughout the campus. Students and staff collect glass, metals, paper, bottles and cans and send the material to City Carton Recycling, Iowa City, every Thursday.

The school’s certified organic farm, established in 1944, supplied Scattergood with more than 1,000 dozen eggs, 3,500 pounds of organic produce, and several tons of apples made into sauce and cider just last year. Excess produce was sold to local natural food markets, and a Community Sustainable Agriculture project was started in 2004. The farm offers students and teachers an outdoor classroom and living laboratory and is incorporated into many classes, including biology, advanced biology, general science, social studies, and drawing.

