

Nurturing Appreciation, Understanding, Stewardship

Since its founding in 1918, Save the Redwoods League continues to encourage an appreciation and understanding of the ecological and aesthetic value of primeval coast redwood and giant sequoia ecosystems and connecting landscapes.

Guided by our Education Committee, the League sponsors innovative education and interpretation programs that encourage more people of diverse backgrounds and ages to protect redwoods. By partnering with leading educators and interpreters in state and national parks, cooperating associations, school districts, and nonprofit community and environmental education organizations, the League continues to expand the range and reach of personally relevant redwood experiences to our growing and varied population.

Our Education Program's goals are threefold:

- strengthen the connection of the park visitor to the redwood groves,
- build and support a network of redwood education providers, and
- educate people of all ages about preserving the redwood forest ecosystem.



The League funds many schools and nonprofit organizations that conduct field trips and programs in the redwoods, enabling students of diverse backgrounds to experience the wonders of the redwood forest firsthand.

These goals are accomplished by studying redwood park visitor-use trends, enhancing the League's Web site as a resource tool for educators and park visitors, and expanding the Education Grants Program.



The League has funded more than 230 education projects since 2000. Most recently, 40 grants totaling over \$110,000 were awarded in 2009 to support a wide variety of redwood education and interpretation programs, including:

▪ **Canal Area Redwood Project:**

Children ages 3 to 6 learn about protecting redwoods through culturally relevant, bilingual after school programs.

Canal Child Care Center

▪ **Into the Redwood Forest:**

Bay Area students in grades 3 to 5 spend a day at Muir Woods; these field trips are often a first nature experience for many of these underserved students.

Muir Woods National Monument

▪ **Coast Redwood Education Project:**

Youth ages 6 to 17 with muscular dystrophy experience the redwoods through art, music, and nature walks during their annual summer camp.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

▪ **Family Camps in the Redwoods:**

Low-income Richmond families learn and play together among the redwoods at weekend family camp.

Youth Enrichment Strategies