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More Kids to Visit Redwood Forests in 2014-15

---League announces grants totaling more than \$106,000 to 24 schools, parks and educational organizations in California to expand redwood education opportunities

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (October 13, 2014) – More students will visit California’s redwoods this year thanks to San Francisco-based Save the Redwoods League’s annual [educational grant program](#).

The League has **awarded over \$106,000 to 24 schools, parks and educational organizations** to help students get outdoors for enriching and educational experiences among the redwoods. Grant winners are located throughout Northern California, from Oakland’s Chabot Space and Science Center serving low-income youth, to Santa Cruz’s Every Child Outdoors Science School and Mendocino Area Parks Association’s field trip program.

“The League’s educational grants program makes it possible for young people from all over Northern California to experience and connect with the redwood forest,” says Sam Hodder, president and chief enthusiast for the outdoors (CEO) of Save the Redwoods League. “Even though they live relatively close to the forest, many of these kids have never had the opportunity to visit. We want to give them this life-changing experience.”

Since 2000, Save the Redwoods League has awarded 383 grants totaling more than \$1.3 million to schools, park associations and environmental educational organizations across California. The League’s education program has reached more than 460,000 people.

Founded in 1918, Save the Redwoods League is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring redwood forests throughout their natural range. The League has completed the purchase of nearly 200,000 acres of redwood forest and associated land.

A complete list of the 2014 grants organized by county follows:

RECIPIENT	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT AWARDED
Alameda County		
Chabot Space and Science Center	Supports a year-long after school program for underserved youth to expose them to redwood forests and education.	\$5,000
Cleveland Elementary School	Supports 60 third grade students to visit Muir Woods as part of a unit on ecosystems, habitats and environmental stewardship.	\$1,500
Contra Costa County		

Outward Bound	Provides low-income youth from Richmond an immersion experience in the coast redwood forest.	\$5,000
Humboldt County		
CA Environmental Technology Education Network	Seventh graders from Trinidad Union School will create web application maps and/or story maps of the redwood trails at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.	\$5,000
Redwood National & State Parks	Supports an internship program providing students with experience in various facets of Vegetation Management in the redwood ecosystem.	\$5,000
Ink People	Supports a program with Loleta School to engage the 5th & 6 th grade students in a week long program to explore life in the redwood forest.	\$5,000
Miranda Junior High	This project transforms Stephens Grove into an outdoor classroom for students at Miranda Junior High as they participate in a year-long redwood education program.	\$5,000
Marin County		
Muir Woods National Monument (GGNPC)	Funds transportation costs for the Into the Redwood Forest program, an interpretive program for Bay Area elementary school students.	\$10,000
Salmon Protection and Watershed Network	Allows at least 300 elementary school students firsthand experiences of creekside redwood groves, redwood forest ecology, propagation and restoration.	\$5,000
WildCare	Supports Nature Discovery field trips, Family Adventures, week-long Nature Camps, and Nature Van presentations.	\$1,500
YMCA Point Bonita	Funds a field trip for low-income students to Muir Woods National Monument as part of the camp's larger K-8 environmental education partnership with local schools.	\$1,500
Mendocino County		
Mendocino Area Parks Association	To provide school field trip programs at Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area.	\$5,000
Monterey County		
Ventana Wilderness Alliance	Salinas Valley youth visit state and national redwood parks to learn about redwoods and perform stewardship projects.	\$5,000
Sacramento County		
Yav Pem Suab Academy	Supports a Coast Redwoods education course for 4 th grade students in the Sacramento area.	\$1,500
San Francisco County		
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society	Implements a standards-based field trip program for kindergarten students in the Garden's redwood grove.	\$4,000
Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative	Supports redwood-focused educational program for Balboa and Downtown high school students, including both in-class lessons and field trips to California parks; multidisciplinary approach includes science, art, poetry.	\$5,000
San Mateo County		

Vida Verde Nature Education	Funding for 3-day, overnight camping experiences in the redwoods for Bay Area inner-city, minority, and low-income youth.	\$5,000
Santa Cruz County		
Every Child Outdoors	Allows fifth grade students to attend a 4 day/3 night redwood program at the Santa Cruz County Outdoor Science School.	\$5,000
Shasta County		
Burney Elementary School	Supports fifty 6th graders to attend a week long nature camp at Mendocino Outdoor Science School (MOSS).	\$5,000
Sonoma County		
LandPaths	Third and 6 th grade students conduct environmental stewardship and education focused on redwood ecology. Includes four redwood forest visits.	\$5,000
Pepperwood Foundation	Teens participate in a 4-week summer internship that contributes data to the League's citizen science program, Redwood Watch.	\$5,000
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods	This program incorporates citizen science with a multiple overnight adventure for youth at one of our redwood campgrounds in the State Parks' Russian River District.	\$5,000
Stanislaus County		
Empire Elementary School	Low-income students learn about the redwood forest in the classroom, participate in field trips to redwood parks, and collect data for Redwood Watch using trees located at school.	\$1,500
Yolo County		
Gibson Elementary School	Supports sixth grade students to attend a week long outdoor nature camp in Sonoma County. This gives students a firsthand experience in a redwood forest during a unit on redwood ecosystems.	\$5,000

About Save the Redwoods League

Walk through a redwood forest—home of the tallest, largest, and some of the oldest living beings on Earth—and you can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of awe and peace among these magnificent giants. Since 1918, Save the Redwoods League has led the effort to protect the coast redwoods and giant sequoias for all to experience and enjoy. To date the League has completed the purchase of more than 190,000 acres of redwood forest and associated land. For more information, please visit www.SaveTheRedwoods.org, or sign up for monthly email updates at www.SaveTheRedwoods.org/signup.

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