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Save the Redwoods League Debuts Season Three of Podcast "I'll Go If You Go"

Season three features guests who are creating space for everyone to connect with nature and each other

San Francisco, Calif. (January 25, 2023) — Save the Redwoods League today launches the third season of its groundbreaking podcast, "I'll Go If You Go," which takes listeners on an audio adventure tour through California's iconic coast redwood and giant sequoia forests. Season three includes six episodes that will be released on the fourth Wednesday of each month through June.

Returning host <u>Emily Harwitz</u> offers listeners a new season of reasons to create a special relationship with the redwoods. "Nature, like the redwoods, is for me a place of joy, learning, healing, awe—and fun, especially when communing with friends. I want to share that with others like me," said <u>Harwitz</u>. "To make the outdoors welcoming to BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and other underrepresented communities, we must tell the stories in which we can see ourselves. This season's conversations are all about sharing opportunities to join communities that center our experiences in the outdoors."



"I'll Go If You Go" season three schedule:

- January 25: <u>Alanna Smith</u>, parks program associate with <u>Save the Redwoods</u> <u>League</u> and co-founder of Northern California Conservationists of Color.
- **February 22:** Monica Carcamo and Erin Closmore, co-creators of <u>Bay Area Galventures</u>, an Instagram page dedicated to inspiring others to explore the natural beauty of California.
- March 22: <u>Kathryn Luna</u>, <u>GirlVentures</u> board member and community partnership strategist with <u>Mountain Hardware Inc.</u>
- April 26: Max Sovine, program director of Outlandish!, a program supported by Queer LifeSpace that offers nature experiences for Bay Area LGBTQIA+ youth.
- May 24: Michelle Race and Tiffany Tharpe, founders of Black Girls Trekkin', which connects Black women who love the outdoors and leads several trips per month throughout the Los Angeles area.
- June 28: guest(s) to be announced.

All episodes can be streamed on the League's <u>website</u> and all major podcast streaming platforms, including <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, <u>Anchor</u>, <u>Google Podcasts</u> and <u>Pocket Casts</u>.

"This season, we will uncover inspirational stories about creating your place in the outdoors and building community for others, with guests' unique connection to the redwoods," said **Leslie Parra**, the League's outreach program manager and creator of the podcast. "While 'I'll Go If You Go' is made for all, we particularly wanted to showcase members of underrepresented communities engaging with these incredible natural places that have been protected by and for all of us. It all circles back to the name of the podcast—if people see themselves in others who are spending time doing fun things in the redwoods, they'll be more likely to feel welcome giving it a try."

About the Podcast

Save the Redwoods League launched "I'll Go If You Go" in 2021 as part of a larger effort to uncover stories of people from communities of color, which have been historically excluded from the wonders of the coast redwood and giant sequoia forests. Through conversations with emerging outdoor leaders, the League illuminates how Californians of all backgrounds think about and experience nature and conservation—in the redwoods and beyond.

About the Host

Emily Harwitz is a multimedia science writer and photographer who tells stories that foster community, provoke curiosity and inspire a deeper connection with the world around us. Her work has been published in *Hakai Magazine*, *The Mercury News*, *Bay Nature* and elsewhere. In addition to chemistry and ecology, Harwitz is interested in Indigenizing science, plant communication and wildlife, as well as playing her flute and enjoying tea.

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