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SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE EDUCATION GRANTS CONNECT STUDENTS WITH NATURE

---League announces grants totaling more than \$102,000 to 25 schools, parks and educational organizations in California to expand redwood education opportunities

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (October 7, 2013) – [Save the Redwoods League](http://www.SaveTheRedwoods.org), the nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring redwood forests throughout their natural range, today announced its 2013 [education grant](#) recipients. The League awarded more than \$102,000 to a total of 25 schools, park interpretive associations and nonprofit organizations in California. Save the Redwoods League's education grants enable students to get outdoors for enriching and educational experiences among the redwoods.

"The League's education grants program makes it possible for young people from all over California to experience the redwoods," said Sam Hodder, president and CEO of Save the Redwoods League. "These education grants provide opportunities for students to connect with the redwood forest and help inspire the next generation of redwood stewards."

Since 2000, Save the Redwoods League has awarded 359 grants totaling more than \$1.2 million to schools, park associations, and environmental educational organizations across California. The League's education program has reached more than 460,000 people. Please visit [SaveTheRedwoods.org/Education](http://www.SaveTheRedwoods.org/Education) for 2013 application information.

A comprehensive listing of the grants follows, organized by county:

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
Wilderness Torah	Youth aged 5-11 learn about redwoods at Redwood Regional Park, exploring their spirituality through nature awareness and ecological understanding.	\$5,000
EarthTeam Environmental Network	East Bay high school students participate in an afterschool leadership project to restore their campus' redwood habitat.	\$3,000
El Dorado County		

Independent High School	Supports a class on environmental stewardship with a field trip to Calaveras Big Trees State Park.	\$1,000
Humboldt County		
Redwood National and State Parks	Helps support an internship program for HSU students to gain valuable forest stewardship experience in Redwood National and State Parks.	\$3,100
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
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
WildCare	Supports Nature Discovery field trips, Family Adventures, week-long Nature Camps, and Nature Van presentations.	\$2,500
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.	\$2,500
Monterey County		
Big Sur Land Trust	Supports overnight camping and day trips to redwood forests for Salinas Valley youth in Monterey County.	\$5,000
Ventana Wilderness Alliance	Salinas Valley youth visit state and national redwood parks to learn about redwoods and perform stewardship projects.	\$5,000
Sacramento County		
FC Joyce School	6th grade Sacramento students learn about redwood forests through in-class instruction and 1-week at outdoor school.	\$5,000
Yav Pem Suab Academy	Supports a Coast Redwoods education course for 4 th grade students in the Sacramento area.	\$2,500
San Francisco County		
Convent of the Sacred Heart High School	Course teaches students about the genetics of redwoods; includes field trips and restoration activities.	\$5,000
Grattan School	Teaches a class of 3 rd graders Redwood Ecology with weekly walks to redwood stands and a field trip to Muir Woods.	\$1,200
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society	Implements a standards-based field trip program for kindergarten students in the Garden's redwood grove.	\$2,500
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		
Exploring New Horizons	Provide low-income students with field science and outdoor education experiences. This includes in-class presentations and a 5-day overnight field experience.	\$5,000

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 Clara County		
C.B. Eaton Elementary School	Supports an education unit on redwoods including a field trip to Big Basin State Park.	\$1,500
Santa Cruz County		
UCCR Web of Life Field (WOLF) School	Supports the Growing Redwood Stewards Program which provides funding to culturally diverse, low-income students to attend residential science programs.	\$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.	\$2,500

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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