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### **SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE EDUCATION GRANTS GET STUDENTS OUTDOORS**

*---League announces grants totaling more than \$100,000 to 30 school and educational organizations in California to expand redwood education opportunities*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** (September 27, 2012) – [Save the Redwoods League](http://SaveTheRedwoods.org), the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting ancient redwood forests throughout their natural range, today announced its 2012 [education grant](#) recipients. The League awarded more than \$100,000 to a total of 30 schools, park interpretive associations and nonprofit organizations in California.

“The League’s education grants program helps inspire the next generation of redwood stewards by making it possible for young people across California to visit and connect with these forests,” said Harry Pollack, chief program officer for Save the Redwoods League. “These education grants allow children and adults to study and experience redwood forests in ways otherwise not possible.”

Since 2000, Save the Redwoods League has awarded more than 330 grants totaling more than \$1.1 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://SaveTheRedwoods.org/Education) for 2013 application information.

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

RECIPIENT	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT AWARDED
<b>Alameda County</b>		
Friends of Sausal Creek	Young adults (18-24) do restoration work at Joaquin Miller Park; volunteer work days also help improve the forest.	<b>\$4,000</b>
Wilderness Torah	Youth aged 5-11 learn about redwoods at Redwood Regional Park, exploring their spirituality through nature awareness and ecological understanding.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Alameda and Contra Costa Counties</b>		
EarthTeam Environmental Network	East Bay high school students participate in an afterschool leadership project to restore their campus' redwood habitat.	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Del Norte and Humboldt Counties</b>		

Redwood National and State Parks	Helps create an internship program for HSU students to gain valuable forest stewardship experience in Redwood National and State Parks.	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Humboldt County</b>		
Dow's Prairie School	Funds a week-long trip for 5th graders to Wolf Creek Education Center at Redwood National and State Parks.	<b>\$1,000</b>
East High School	Humboldt County high school students participate in monitoring activities at the Headwaters Forest Reserve.	<b>\$3,500</b>
The Forest Foundation	High school students learn about redwood forest ecology on a 1-day field trip to Humboldt State University and Arcata Community Forest.	<b>\$2,000</b>
Humboldt County Office of Education	Supports a two-day environmental education fair that teaches 3rd-8th grade students about the environment and helps teachers become familiar with community resources.	<b>\$2,000</b>
Humboldt State University Natural History Museum	Builds on existing redwood education program (funded last year) by providing teacher training with field trips.	<b>\$4,000</b>
Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation	After-school students help evaluate existing redwood education program.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Marin County</b>		
Muir Woods National Monument (GGNPC)	Funds transportation costs for the Into the Redwood Forest program, an interpretive program for Bay Area elementary school students.	<b>\$5,000</b>
Salmon Protection And Watershed Network	Supports school and public programs that connect salmon spawning to redwood forest ecosystems.	<b>\$3,000</b>
WildCare	Supports Nature Discovery field trips, Family Adventures, week-long Nature Camps, and Nature Van presentations.	<b>\$3,000</b>
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.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Mendocino County</b>		
Mendocino Woodlands Camp Association	Supports scholarship funds for 4th-8th grade students to attend the five-day residential outdoor school.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Monterey County</b>		
Ventana Wilderness Alliance	Salinas Valley youth visit state and national redwood parks to learn about redwoods and perform stewardship projects.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Napa County</b>		
Stone Bridge School	Fifth graders spend 5 days learning about redwoods in Mendocino County.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Sacramento County</b>		
FC Joyce School	6th grade Sacramento students learn about redwood forests through in-class instruction and 1-week at outdoor school.	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>San Francisco County</b>		

Convent of the Sacred Heart High School	Course teaches students about the genetics of redwoods; includes field trips and restoration activities.	<b>\$5,000</b>
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society	Implements a standards-based field trip program for kindergarten students in the Garden's redwood grove.	<b>\$3,000</b>
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.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>San Mateo County</b>		
The Environmental Volunteers	South Bay urban K-8 students participate in field trips to a local redwood park.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>		
UCCR Web of Life Field (WOLF) School	Revises existing outdoor education curriculum; also offers financial assistance to individual students who can't afford to attend.	<b>\$3,000</b>
University of California, Santa Cruz	College seniors design and implement a redwood teaching module for 4 undergraduate courses.	<b>\$4,675</b>
<b>Sonoma County</b>		
LandPaths	Expands their existing In Our Own Back Yard (IOOBY) program to a new location and pilots the program with local 6th graders.	<b>\$4,000</b>
Pepperwood Foundation	Teens participate in a 4-week summer internship that contributes data to the League's citizen science program, Redwood Watch.	<b>\$4,500</b>
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods	Reintroduces the park's education program to local schools; revises curriculum to best align with state standards.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Stanislaus County</b>		
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.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Yolo County</b>		
Beamer Park Elementary School	Funds a week-long trip for sixth graders to Sempervirens Outdoor School, where students learn about conserving redwood forests.	<b>\$2,000</b>
Gibson Elementary School	6th grade students learn about redwoods, then teach their Kindergarten "buddies" what they learned and produce public service announcements.	<b>\$3,500</b>

### 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 [SaveTheRedwoods.org](http://SaveTheRedwoods.org), or to receive monthly email updates, sign up at [SaveTheRedwoods.org/signup](http://SaveTheRedwoods.org/signup).

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