

## Field Trip Structure

### *Exploration Stations*

Students participate in a variety of standards-based activity stations at one of the two local sites our education team has identified as outdoor education learning laboratories. These unique outdoor learning spaces provide exceptional opportunities for students to participate in hands-on outdoor activities and real-world scientific explorations.



### *Educational Hikes*

Students participate in educational hikes along one of five local trails the education team has identified as exceptional outdoor education areas. Along the hikes, students participate in several standards-based activities with our volunteer docent hike leaders.

## How Can You Help?



- Become a volunteer docent.
- Donate to the Education Program.
- Tell people about us.
- Like us on Facebook.

Contact our Education Coordinator for more information about how to help bring outdoor learning opportunities to Shasta County's youth of all ages!

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*Dedicated to Enhancing  
Hands-on Learning in the  
Local Natural Environment*

## Vision

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The Spring Rivers Foundation Outdoor Education Program strives to enhance environmental awareness and grow connections between individuals, the community, and our surroundings.



## Mission

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The Outdoor Education Team develops integrated educational programs and locations to connect students and adults with the natural world, enhance the fun and relevance of learning, and increase environmental awareness.



## The Outdoor Education Program in a Nutshell

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- The Spring Rivers Outdoor Education Program provides hands-on learning experiences for students through field trips and other outdoor activities.
- Local natural resources are integrated into field trip lesson plans that meet state science standards for kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Key support for the program comes from a dedicated team of volunteer docents and local organizations.
- Field trips and teaching tools connect students, teachers, and parents with the natural world, strengthen a sense of community, and promote physical activity.

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## Place-Based Learning

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- Local environments provide exciting, integrated contexts for standards-based learning.
- Students conduct real-world outdoor scientific investigations and study local environments and organisms.
- Students develop increased problem-solving, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.



## Program Accomplishments

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Since 2008, the Education Team has successfully:

- Built a dedicated team of over 70 volunteer docents and local supporters.
- Applied Place-Based Learning to connect students with their environment through outdoor activities.
- Developed outdoor learning sites, including areas within walking distances of classrooms.
- Engaged over 1000 Shasta County students annually during outdoor education field trips within local watersheds.