

Educational Equity in the Outdoors

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SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

Our school year program serves one class at a time with a three-day, two-night camping trip at our 100-acre site and farm. Trips include hikes amongst redwoods, tidepool and coastal explorations, lessons in our gardens, milking goats and making cheese, campfires, teambuilding, trying LOTS of new things, and immense amounts of laughter, joy, community building, and healing.



IMPACT

Effectiveness of program leaders and the benefits of the program for students 98% of teachers reported as exceptional

Student enjoyment 96% of teachers reported as exceptional

Students' self-confidence and self esteem returning to the classroom after trip

76% of teachers reported meaningful or exceptional improvement

TEACHERS SHARE WHY THEY LOVE VIDA VERDE:

"Vida Verde provides vital educational experiences for students who may not receive these opportunities in their neighborhoods. My students faces were permanently lit with the wonder of being and learning in beautiful natural setting. The team-building and bonding they experienced at Vida Verde will stay with them for their entire lives. I am eternally grateful for the kindness and compassion the staff at Vida Verde provided to my students."

~ Alaina Stothers, 5th Grade Teacher

Hillside in San Leandro, Spring 2023 23 YEARS of educational equity in the outdoors 2 EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS Core School Year + Teen & Family Program 13,500+ STUDENTS served since 2001 to students* p ensure atte



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SUMMER LEADERSH **PROJECT**

Week-long camps offered across five weeks in the summer for Bay Area Teens from marginalized communities. The program was started five years ago, and has grown and matured into a beautiful, impactful, and incredibly powerful complement and next step for teens, many of whom participated in our school year program.



IMPACT

Student participant self-evaluations from the summer of 2023 showed statistically significant growth in all ten categories we tested, including:

- I have the ability to build a campfire.
- I have the skills to go on a camping trip with my friends.
- I believe that nature is a place I belong.
- Spending time in nature is important to me.
- 🥖 I am likely to speak up and suggest next steps when working in a small group.
- I feel comfortable being my authentic self around others.

"SLP has lots of amazing food, lots of fun, and most importantly some real laughs and authentic and real moments. Made me feel loved even though I had no idea who anybody was before I came in."

~ Jordan Ramirez, SLP TEEN Summer 2023

FACTS AND FIGURES

2023-2024 EXPENSES

