



# Placer Nature Center

## 2011-2012 Environmental Education, School Programs, & Field Trips

All Grade Levels - Preschool through High School!

### Where do you want to go?



Come visit the Nature Center, have us come to your classroom or meet us out in the field! When you bring the kids to the Nature Center you can also choose from many fun, educational field trip enhancements (pg. 4)

We have many *new* and *exciting* programs this year!

### We've got you covered → Content Standards



Interactive, hands-on and engaging; our programs connect your curriculum to nature! Your students benefit from increased environmental literacy while your academic standards are supported, from the sciences to history and social studies.

### No to Low-Cost Programs!

We want to make sure ALL kids have access to our programs, that's why we do two things: 1) Our program fees are kept really low, 2) We are constantly looking for ways to give away as many scholarships to schools as possible. Some schools can also qualify for assistance with transportation! To see what we have available, call us at 1-800-878-1882 or visit:

[www.placernaturecenter.org/teachers](http://www.placernaturecenter.org/teachers)



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**Can't wait to see you!**

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# Field Trips to Placer Nature Center

Placer Nature Center is located a few miles East of Auburn in the heart of the Sierra Nevada Foothills ecosystem. The rich diversity of foothill plant life is well represented on our 60-acre site and a variety of animal species live in or use the preserve. Nature trails, which meander through the acreage, are fertile ground for teaching and exploration. Supplement your sciences with us!

## Our facilities include:

- **Main Exhibit Hall** ~ Interactive displays, beautiful hand-painted murals and learning tools for all ages.
- **Watershed Learning Center** ~ Interactive exhibit that makes understanding water resources and complex water issues easy, engaging and applicable to our daily lives.
- **Discovery Hall** ~ A hands-on science room which delivers special, targeted activities for each program.
- **Courtyard** ~ Bring your lunch for a special picnic after your program. A small pond offers opportunities to observe frogs while native birds sing. This area is ideal for crafts and nature games.
- **Maidu Village** ~ Replica of a Maidu family summer encampment.
- **Demonstration Garden** ~ Besides being a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat™, our garden features themed beds of both native and cultivated plants as well as a compost and vermiculture education center.
- **Amphitheater** ~ Outdoor performance space.
- **Nature Shop\*** ~ A variety of nature items and educational toys to delight children of all ages. Prices range from .25¢ to \$25. Items include pencils, magnifiers, necklaces, stuffed animals, bird feeders, bat houses, mugs and more! *\*Only open by teacher request. Please indicate when you register if you would like the shop open.* ❁



**Important field trip information on page 7**



**Life and Social Science is engaging and fun** in our thematic nature explorations! These natural and cultural history programs are designed to promote an understanding and awareness of the natural environment, cultivate scientific literacy and stimulate a sense of stewardship for the earth. Docents emphasize concepts in an interdisciplinary and hands-on approach with small groups of students (10 to 12). Groups rotate through activities in the Exhibit Hall, Discovery Lab and Courtyard as well as on the trail to experience, explore, discover and enjoy the environment first-hand!

## **P** Foothill Discovery - Fur and Feathers

**1 hour** • How do humans and animals explore and get information from their environment? In this program, children will experience the environment in a multi-sensory approach designed to plant the seeds of life-long learning. **CCS** Life-2a, 2c; Invest.-4a, 4b

## **K** Foothill Environment: Exploring with Senses

**1½ hour** • Animals and people use senses to survive. Sensory awareness is emphasized as children discover the diversity of the foothill environment. Using all five senses, students will explore how living things get information from their environment.

**CCS** Life-2a, 2c; Invest.-4a, 4b

## **1** Habitat - A Place To Live

**1½ hour** • What is your ecological address? By observing and discussing the places where animals live, students learn the concept of habitat. Students will explore the components of habitat - food, shelter, water and space - and find how each is important to the survival of living things. **CCS** Life-2a, 2b, 2c



## Field Trip Information & Key

Fill out the **PNC** section on the registration form.

### Program Fees:

**\$7 per student in groups of 25 or less**

**\$6 per student in groups of 26 or more**

Minimum fee is \$80. **No fee** for teachers or parent helpers.

**\$30 deposit** due 2 weeks after you register.

### Maximum group size: 70 Students

**P-K** This symbol displays the grade levels that the program is specifically designed for. For example, P-K= Preschool through Kindergarten. **All**=All Grades, **P**=Preschool, **K**=Kindergarten, **1**=First Grade, **2**=Second Grade, etc.

**CCS** Look for this symbol for a quick reference of which California Content Standards the program achieves.

## **2** Life Cycles - Growing Up, Seed or Frog

**1½ hours** • Plants and animals go through a life cycle - with some stages appearing deceptively unlike the adult. What is your life cycle? Does a rock have a life cycle? By investigating seeds and studying the various stages of animal development, students explore the interrelationships of plants and animals in their life cycles.

**CCS** Life- 2a, 2b, 2e,2f; Invest.-4f

## **3** Native Americans of the Foothills

**2 hours** • The Maidu are Native Americans in the foothill area who had a flourishing culture before the Gold Rush. The Maidu perspective and use of the environment was different than ours today. Students will examine Maidu artifacts, explore the Maidu's relationship to the earth and visit a replica Maidu family encampment. **CCS** Life-3b; H/SS-3.2

**People, Plants, Animals & Habitat Programs at the Nature Center continued...****4 Food Chains - Who's Eating Whom?**

**2 hours** • Whether producers, herbivores, omnivores, carnivores or decomposers, all creatures have an important place in the food chain. Students will create a food web using foothill plants and animals and also explore the flow of energy from the sun to plants and animals through the food chain.

**CCS** Life-2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d

**5 Ecology - Everything is Connected**

**2 hours** • The interrelationships of living things form a complex ecological drama. Students explore the relationships of living things within the abiotic world: in soil, among large species and through a microscope in a drop of pond water. How do we humans fit into this interconnected world?

**CCS** Life-2f, 2g

**6 Natural Resource Conservation**

**2 hours** • What are the 3 R's? What is a natural resource? What does conservation mean? Resources are either renewable or non-renewable. How can we use them wisely? Students explore what values humans have assigned to natural resources and ways we can reduce our impact on them through the 3 R's: reduce, reuse, recycle. **CCS** Earth-6a, 6b, 6c

**7-12 Your Role: Closing the Loop**


**2½ hours** • Nature recycles and so should we! Do you live a "closed loop" life? What is your role in closing the loop of the solid waste stream? These questions set the stage for an interactive exploration of "waste" generated in the natural environment, decomposition, and issues of disposing the waste from human products. We can make a difference with recycling!

**CCS** Earth-6a, 6b, 6c



## Water & Our Watershed: Use, Pollution & Conservation

**Earth and Life Science insights wonder and discovery** in our water education programs! Our unique WaterShed Learning Center is equipped with stunning interactive exhibits designed to challenge and engage students in hands-on investigations and critical thinking about our water resources. Programs include a



docent-led tour of the WaterShed Learning Center as well as small group activities, investigations and a hike on our nature trail!

**K-2 Pond Paddlers** • 1 hour 50 minutes

Follow a drop of water as it enters and flows through the watershed and the water cycle. By following the flow of water, students learn its importance and necessity of life. Students will examine how people use water and look for ways it can become polluted. Learn how we can protect our watershed through conservation of water resources in nature and at home!

**CCS** (K) Phys.-1b, 1c; Earth-3a, 3c, Invest.-4a; (1) Life-2a, 2b, 2e; (2) Earth-3e, Invest.-4a

**3-5 Stream Swimmers** • 2 hours 15 minutes

Explore water environments within a watershed to help define just what exactly a watershed is. Through hands-on experimentation, students will determine the special qualities of water and the importance of water quality on natural ecosystems and life itself. Students will develop an understanding of California's complex water distribution and identify their own watershed. The complex issues of water treatment and water pollution will be explored before investigating the stream and pond on our nature walk. **CCS** (3) Life-2a, 3b, 3c; Invest. 5e; H/SS-3.1; (4) Earth-5a, 5c; Invest.-6f; (5) Earth-3a, 3b, 3c, 3d

**6-8 River Runners** • 2 hours 15 minutes

Water is dynamic in a watershed! Students will observe and interpret how water transforms the landscape. Unseen, yet tapped, ground water will be explored through experimentation. Students will recognize major sources of aquatic pollution and make inferences about pollution effects on watershed health. Exploring water conservation strategies, students will develop critical thinking skills to resolve water resource issues.

**CCS** (6) Phys.-3a, 2b, 2d

**Make full use of the Seasons!**

**In the Fall, book a "People, Plants, Animals & Habitat" field trip when we search for seeds and explore changes in the leaves. Follow up in the Spring with a "Water & Our Watershed" field trip when the streams are flowing and wildflowers color the landscape!**

**— Each season brings new discoveries & learning opportunities!**



**Many thanks to the following organizations for helping to keep our programs accessible to all:**

**Placer County Water Agency, Arp Foundation, and Placer County Supervisors**

# Field Trip Enhancements for On-Site Field Trips



Just when you thought it couldn't get any better...extend and augment your visit to Placer Nature Center with an enhancement! From animals to plants to rocks, we've got you covered. *Lots of new programs this year!* Enhancement program fees are in addition to Field Trip program fees, please also note additional deposit information (noted in program descriptions). **For cancellation policy and other important information regarding your Field Trip, please see page 7.**

## **3-6** Talk About Trees™ • 30 minutes

Using visual and kinesthetic exercises to enhance the experience, this program teaches students about tree biology, physiology, gifts from trees and other topics to help them start to understand the complex issues of forestry in California. Call at least two weeks in advance for availability. (Maximum 30 students per presentation; two presentations may be booked back-to-back.)

Fee: \$30 per day (okay to have multiple programs due 2 weeks from registration).

## **All** My Lunch and the Landfill • 30 minutes

What is a no garbage lunch? Explore issues of solid waste disposal and resource consumption. You'll never believe the life of every day things or look at lunch the same way again.

Fee: \$60 Deposit: \$30 due 2 weeks from registration.

## **All** Water Color for Nature Sketchbooks

1 hour • Artists have a unique way of seeing nature. Taught by a professional artist, learn watercolor painting in nature! Palette, fine watercolor paints, brushes and watercolor paper provided.

Fee: \$6 per student (Minimum Charge \$120)

Deposit: \$70 due 2 weeks from registration.

## **All** Wild Things • 1 hour

As development encroaches on natural habitats, contact between humans and wildlife increases. In this up-close, engaging experience, students meet and learn the natural history and life stories of live animals of the Sierra foothills.

(Available September to mid-December only)

Fee: \$220 for all group sizes

Deposit: \$70 due 2 weeks from registration.

## **All** Edible and Useable Plants • 45 minutes

What are plants used for? Using the Placer Nature Center demonstration garden, students explore the parts of plants and make the connection between plants, food, medicine and clothing.

Fee: \$75 (Maximum 40 students per program)

Deposit: \$30 due 2 weeks from registration.

## **All** Gold Country Wildlife Rescue • 45 minutes

What does a habitat provide an animal? What happens when an animal's habitat is lost? Learn answers to these important questions through an in-depth look at how the owl and racoon adapt to human habitat. The program ends with questions & answers time and a game depending on the age of the group. Call at least two weeks in advance for availability.

(Maximum 30 students per presentation; two presentations can be booked back-to-back.)

Fee: \$140 up to 60 students

Deposit: \$40 due 2 weeks from registration.



**LOOK!**

**New programs!**



## **5-8** Waste Busters! • 1 hour

Learn about the energy demands and environmental impacts created by student behaviours and purchases, interactive activities show how energy concepts are related to everyday products and inspire students to consider choices they can make to practice conservation.

Fee: \$75 (Maximum 40 students per program)

Deposit: \$30 due 2 weeks from registration.

## **All** Geo Fun & Rock Cycles! • 1 hour

In this interactive, hands on program we share rocks, and discuss the differences between rocks and minerals, the three types of rock, how they are formed, and talk about the rock cycle. A wide assortment of specimens for a hands on experience, the class will use lighted jewelers loupes to study the specimens, and also dig for, identify, and keep their finds!

Fee: \$160 (Maximum 30 students per program)

Deposit: \$30 due 2 weeks from registration.

## **All** Rockhounds Around The World • 1 hour

An extensive display of minerals from around the world, from crystals to geodes to cave specimens and more! Discussion of minerals and their properties; the class will explore the depths of these minerals using a lighted jewelers loupe, and take home their own calcite geode to crack open!

Fee: \$160 (Maximum 30 students per program)

Deposit: \$30 due 2 weeks from registration.

## **All** Fossils, Dinosaurs & Roar! • 1 hour

Shared display of fossils including trilobites, ammonites, orthoceras, fossil fish, petrified woods, plant fossils, and dinosaur fossils too! Students will learn how fossils are made and make their own fossils!

Fee: \$160 (Maximum 30 students per program)

Deposit: \$30 due 2 weeks from registration.

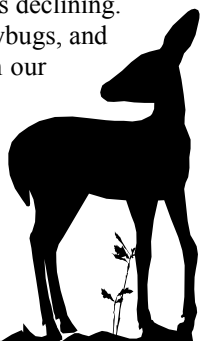
## **All** Beneficial Backyard Bugs! • 1 hour

Take a close look at our native ladybug and its life cycle, habitat, natural defenses, its camouflage and its population is declining. Students learn interesting facts about our native ladybugs, and why it is important to have these beneficial bugs in our environment. The session concludes with a live ladybug release!\*

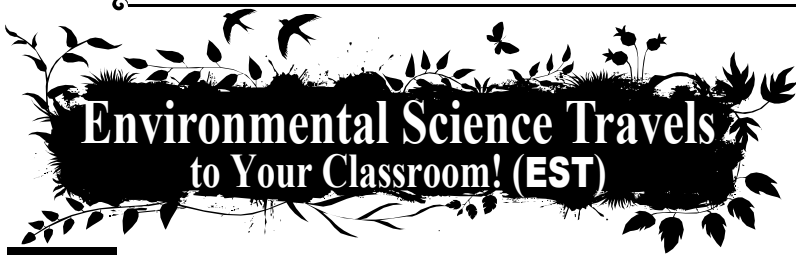
\* seasonal release only

Fee: \$140 (Maximum 30 students per program)

Deposit: \$30 due 2 weeks from registration.



# Off-Site Programs: Your School or in the Field!



## Environmental Science Travels to Your Classroom! (EST)

**EST** Let us come to you! After a fun thematic introduction, children rotate through three hands-on, interactive stations where they engage in activities to enhance and reinforce concepts. We bring everything with us including visual aids as well as science and discovery tools!

**P-K Foothill Discovery - Fur and Feathers** • 1 hr  
Who are our furry and feathered neighbours? From stories and puppets to a schoolyard discovery hike, children use the tools of a scientist to explore with their senses. Each class decorates a birdbath to keep for further bird and furry friend watching! Plant the seeds of life-long learning! **CCS** Life-2a, 2c; Invest.-4a, 4b

**2-6 Wings: Birds, Bats, and Bugs** • 1 1/4 hour  
Feathers, bat puppets and plastic bugs are all used to create an understanding of winged creatures have adapted in a fun interactive program. **CCS** (2) Life-2a, 2b, 2c; (3) Life-3a, 3b; (4) Life-2a, 2b

**2-6 Natural Resource Conservation** • 1 1/4 hour  
From composting to recycling we can do a lot to reduce our solid waste stream that flows into the landfill. Learn how and why we each must do our part in using the 3 R's (reduce, reuse & recycle) everyday!  
**CCS** (2) Earth 3e; (6) Earth-6a, 6b, 6c

**2-6 Food Chains** • 1 1/4 hour  
From bugs to mountain lions, there are many complex interrelationships in an ecosystem, whether it is aquatic or terrestrial! Children will gain a solid understanding of the web of life.  
**CCS** (3) Life-3b; (4) Life-2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b; (6) Life-5a, 5b, 5c, 5d

## EST Program Information & Key

Fill out the **EST** section on the registration form.  
**Program Fees:**

**\$150\*** per class (equates to \$6/student in class of 26).  
No fee for teachers or parent helpers.  
**\$30 deposit** due 2 weeks from registration date.

**\*Discounts for Same Day Consecutive Programs:**  
**\$240 for two classes** (Save 20%, \$4.62/student)  
**\$270 for three classes** (Save 40%, \$3.46/student)

**\$1.50 per mile travel fee** for the round trip mileage from Placer Nature Center to your school.

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**2-6 Waterworks** • 1 1/4 hour

Just what is a watershed? What's your watershed address? How does water move through it and what living things depend on it? Children explore the answers to these questions and more, through investigation of watershed-related activities and terminology; concluding with activities that explore water conservation. **CCS** (2) Earth-3e; (3) Life-3b; (4) Earth-5c; (5) Earth-3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e; (6) Earth-2a

**All Custom Field Studies** • 1 hour

Explore your schoolyard! Students rotate between stations on bugs, birds and plants and investigate the schoolyard using insect nets, binoculars and hand lenses and discover the life all around them.



## Learning from the Land at Traylor Ranch (LftL)

**5-8** A full day (4+ hours!) of investigations and observations at **Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary in Penryn**. A one hour pre-visit classroom orientation by Placer Nature Center staff prepares students for a day on the land. Once on-site, PNC staff will guide students in small groups through three inquiry-based discovery stations that explore stream and grassland ecology and the cultural history of the land. After a lunch break, students come together to perform a riparian restoration project and then end the day with a reflective writing activity. Offered during Fall and Spring.  
**CCS** (5) Earth-3d, Invest.-6a, 6f; (7) Earth-2a, 2b; Life-5a, 5b, 5c, 5e, Invest.-7b, 7h; (8) Invest.-7ac

**Maximum:** 60 students per day.

**See Registration Form for program fees.**

Fill out the **LftL** section on registration form.

**LftL** 5

## Science & Stewardship in Your Schoolyard (SSS)

**4-5** Turn your schoolyard into a scientific laboratory! Three one hour sessions (*you choose the dates*) of hands-on learning supporting science concepts while actively connecting students with a stewardship project in their own school yard. Students make hypotheses and analyse data as they learn about biodiversity and healthy ecosystems. Offered during Fall and Spring. We bring all the tools needed, for example microscopes, insect nets, worms, pH soil kits, clipboards and more!

**CCS** (4) Life-2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b; (5) Life-2e, 2f, 2g, 3d, 3e, 6b, 6c, 6f, 6h

**See Registration Form for program fees.**

Fill out the **SSS** section on registration form.

**SSS**

# California Content Standards at a Glance

## Field Trips to Placer Nature Center (Pages 2-3)

	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Foothill Discovery &amp; Foothill Environment</b>	Life-2a,2c Invest.-4a, 4b						
<b>Pond Paddlers</b>	Phys.-1b,1c Earth-3a,3c Invest.-4a	Life-2a,2b, 2e	Earth-3e Invest.-4a				
<b>Habitat</b>		Life-2a, 2b, 2c					
<b>Life Cycles</b>			Life-2a,2b,2e, 2f Invest.-4f				
<b>Native Americans of the Foothills</b>				Life-3b H/SS 3.2			
<b>Stream Swimmers</b>				Life-3a,3b,3c Invest.-5e H/SS - 3.1	Earth-5a,5c Invest.-6f	Earth-3a, 3b,3c,3d	
<b>Food Chains</b>					Life-2a,2b, 2c,3a,3b,3c,3d		
<b>Ecology</b>						Life-2f,2g	
<b>Natural Resource Conservation</b>							Earth-6a, 6b, 6c
<b>River Runners</b>							Phys.-2a,2b, 2d

## Off-Site Programs at Your School or in the Field (Page 5)

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Wings</b>	Life-2a,2b, 2c	Life-3a,3b	Life-2a,2b				
<b>Natural Resource Conservation</b>	Earth-3e				Earth-6a,6b, 6c		
<b>Food Chains</b>		Life-3b	Life-2a,2b, 2c,3a,3b		Life-5a,5b, 5c,5d		
<b>Waterworks</b>	Earth-3e	Life-3b	Earth-5c	Earth-3a,3b, 3c,3d,3e	Earth-2a		
<b>Science &amp; Stewardship in the School yard</b>			Life-2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b	Life-2e, 2f, 2g, 3d, 3e, 6b, 6c, 6f, 6h			
<b>Smart Energy Choices</b>					Earth-3b,5c, 6a,6b,6c	Phys.-6f	Phys.-3f,5a, 5b,5c
<b>Learning from the Land</b>				Earth-3d Invest.-6a,6f	Earth-2a,2b Life-5a, 5b, 5c, 5e Invest.-7b, 7h	Invest.-7a	



# How to Schedule a Program

- ❶ Select your desired program.
- ❷ Complete the Registration Form included with this brochure or download it from: [www.placernaturecenter.org/education](http://www.placernaturecenter.org/education) Reservations are accepted on a first come first serve basis, so book your program early! Keep in mind Spring is the busiest time and fills up quickly!

- ❸ Submit your Registration Form by mail or fax:

**Mail:**  
Placer Nature Center  
3700 Christian Valley Road  
Auburn, CA 95602

**Fax:**  
(888) 787-7811  
(*quickest response!*)



Please email  
[linda@placernaturecenter.org](mailto:linda@placernaturecenter.org)  
or call  
**(530) 878-6053** or  
**(800) 878-1882**

Staff members are usually available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If no one answers, please leave a message and we will call you back!

- ❹ After we receive your Registration Form we will call or email to confirm the date and time of your program. Please submit deposits within 2 weeks of your confirmed registration to hold your date. Expect an email with pre-visit information letter. Program specific preparation activities (including program specific name tags), a summary, and post-visit follow-up activities for your students are all available for download at: [www.placernaturecenter.org/education](http://www.placernaturecenter.org/education)



## Important Information

**Deposits & Payment:** Program deposits must be submitted within 2 weeks from registration date. Credit Card payments are *only* accepted online. When paying the day of the program, please have exact amount according to the number of students attending as change cannot be made. Checks should be addressed to: **Placer Nature Center**

**Cancellation Policy:** As it takes time to call and coordinate with our volunteers, deposits are non refundable to cover the cost of planning and preparing for your program. **A minimum of 30 days notice is required for cancellation or rescheduling**, this allows enough time to call and reschedule with our docents and open the date for other schools who might be waiting for the date.

**Group Size:** It is helpful if you organize your class into groups of 10 to 12 students for field trips to Placer Nature Center and into three separate groups for *Learning from the Land*, *Environmental Science Travels* and *Science & Stewardship in the Schoolyard*. Please note field trip total attendance size in descriptions. *People, Plants, Animals & Habitat* and *Water & Our Watershed* field trips at Placer Nature Center are each limited to 70 students per day. *Environmental Science Travels* programs and *Science & Stewardship in Your Schoolyard* are limited to one class. *Learning from the Land* is limited to 60 students per day.

**Special Needs:** Please inform us of any special-needs students in your class so we can ensure suitable accommodations during your program. Our Exhibit Halls, Discovery Room and bathrooms are wheelchair accessible. We have a separate special-needs nature trail, too. There is designated parking closer to the buildings.

**Weather:** Programs are delivered rain or shine unless conditions are hazardous, in which case the program will be rescheduled. Please make sure students dress appropriately for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes appropriate for walking the trail.

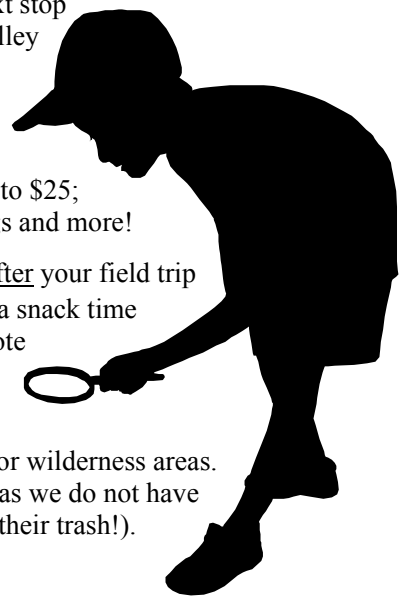
**Directions & Parking:** Placer Nature Center is located four miles east of Auburn. From west of Auburn, travel east on I-80 and exit at Dry Creek Road. Cross over the freeway and take a left turn at Dry Creek Road. At the next stop sign, turn right onto Christian Valley Road. Placer Nature Center is located at the end of Christian Valley Road, approximately four miles from I-80. Enter the California Conservation Corps gate and turn left onto the gravel road. Parking is available for buses and cars. **Parking is LIMITED, please carpool!**

**Nature Shop:** At teacher request, the Nature Shop can be open during your visit (usually during lunch). A variety of nature items and educational toys are available, ranging in price from 25¢ to \$25; including pencils, magnifiers, necklaces, stuffed animals, balls, bird feeders, bat houses, candles, mugs and more!

**Snacks/Lunch:** You are welcome to use our picnic facilities for a snack or lunch before or after your field trip program. Fresh air and trail walks seem to stimulate young appetites! Our programs **do not** allow for a snack time during the program - **please plan accordingly** (especially with younger children). \*Please read our note about trash below\*

**Your Trash:** Please note that we have no garbage service at our site so we practice “**Leave No Trace!**” It’s a great way to introduce students to problems with disposal and how to treat natural and/or wilderness areas.

You will be required to take any trash back with you, please bring a garbage bag with you as we do not have plastic garbage bags at the Nature Center (our staff and docents all pack out their trash!). Compostable, leftover food items can be fed to our worms!





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## Just for Teachers: Grants, Workshops, & more...

**Looking for inspiration & fun activities you can use across the curriculum?** Placer Nature Center offers educator workshops that provide interdisciplinary lessons and activities for all grade levels. Get the skills and resources you need to introduce environmental awareness while teaching math, science, history, language arts and social studies! Programs include (*but not limited to!*): Project Learning Tree, Project WILD/Aquatic, Project WET and Nature Bowl! Learn more at:

[www.placernaturecenter.org/teachers](http://www.placernaturecenter.org/teachers)

**Grant funds are available for programs & travel expenses!** Please check the above web site for updated information and eligibility, you can also give us a call at 1-800-878-1882. ☺

Placer Nature Center is a partner with **First 5 Placer** to nurture children's natural curiosity for the outdoors in "Discovering Nature with Young Children." This unique and dynamic series of hands-on learning programs teaches strategies specially designed for preschool teachers, caregivers and guardians of children up to five years old.



**Discovering Nature**  
*with Young Children*

Check our web site above for additional information on all of these programs, including grants for field trips, scholarships and more. You can also sign up for occasional updates as new information, grants, scholarships and more are constantly added. ☺

**Our Mission:** The educational programs of Placer Nature Center evoke a sense of discovery and wonder about our place on earth. The work of Placer Nature Center helps us understand that our daily choices impact the environmental, social and economic well being of the planet. This is essential, because a healthy world means the world to us. **Awards received in the past decade:** CA Dept. of Fish & Game Director's Achievement Award, Sierra Club Environmental Education Award, State of CA Governor's Environmental & Economic Leadership Award, REI Sustainability Award, National Project Learning Tree Outstanding Educator Award (Linda Desai, Education Director), Boys & Girls Club of Auburn Exceptional Achievement Award

