

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register?

Visit sonomacountyparks.org & click "Education Programs." Submit the online form. You will be offered a date by email within 2 weeks of your application. Please be sure to check your spam/ junk mail folder. Add Kristina.Stanton@sonoma-county.org and Christina.McGuirk@sonoma-county.org to your safe senders list.

How much does it cost?

\$5 per student for regular programs, \$8 for the Tolay Fall Festival. There is no fee for parents or chaperones. School groups and parent chaperones do not pay parking fees during field trips. We recommend a 1:3 parent to student ratio for primary grades & 1:5 ratio for upper grades. Make checks payable to Sonoma County Regional Parks. Pay fees the day you attend the program.

Are scholarships available?

Scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis for Title I schools in Sonoma County for all programs except the Tolay Fall Festival. One program can be scholarshiped per group. Please list your request on your application form. When approved, the Sonoma County Parks Foundation pays the \$5 per student fee. We have no funding to cover transportation at this time.

What if rain is predicted?

Staff will contact you on the day before your trip if rain is predicted. Please be sure to include a cell or evening phone number on your registration form. We reserve the right to cancel if necessary and will make every reasonable effort to reschedule.

What if I need to cancel?

Teacher cancellations need to be made by email at least 1 month in advance or you will still be responsible to pay the invoice. Our programs sell out & this provides enough time for another teacher to obtain approval to come. Scholarship groups that cancel with short notice may be ineligible for future scholarships.



Register online at
sonomacountyparks.org



Outdoor Science Field Trips!

Sonoma County Regional Parks

2017 - 2018

School Field Trip Programs

NEW for this year:

- *Preschool Programs*
- *Award-Winning Acorns to Oaks*
- *Science to Go: Pre/Post Field Trip*
- *Scholarships: First Come, First Served*
- *Tolay Fall Festival: \$8 per student includes a pumpkin*



For information and to register online visit
sonomacountyparks.org

Our programs are made possible with funding from these partners:

Sonoma County Waste Management Agency,
Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, Sonoma County Water Agency, City of Santa Rosa Public Works Department,
Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, Viavi,
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District, Madrone Audubon Society



Life Science at Spring Lake Park in Santa Rosa



September - January Tuesday - Friday

NEW! Pre-school - Kindergarten 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Grades 1-4 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Students will learn about ecosystem diversity, endangered species, and the importance habitat plays in a healthy community. Activities and lessons reinforce grade-specific science standards that include habitats, life cycles, and adaptations.



February - June Tuesday - Friday

NEW! Pre-school - Kindergarten 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Grades 1-6 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Introduction to watersheds. Activities reinforce grade-specific science standards that include the water cycle, seasons, weathering, erosion and deposition, the Sonoma County watershed, non-point source pollution, and the effects of water pollution.

Earth Science in the Parks



Choose your park!

*Helen Putnam Regional Park, Petaluma • Foothill Regional Park, Windsor
Riverfront Regional Park, Windsor • Crane Creek Regional Park, Rohnert Park
Sonoma Valley Park, Glen Ellen • Ragle Ranch Regional Park, Sebastopol
North Sonoma Mountain Park, SR • Gualala Point Regional Park, Gualala*



September - June Tuesday - Friday

Grades 1-3 9:30 am - 11:30 am **Grades 4-6 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

The field trip will focus on the properties of the common rocks and minerals in the park and the processes that formed them. Students will also learn the importance of recycling products manufactured from minerals and rocks, like glass and aluminum, as a simple way to conserve natural resources.



September - June Tuesday - Friday

Grades 1-3 9:30 am - 11:30 am **Grades 4-6 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Students will learn the science behind weather and weather patterns. They will learn about some of Sonoma County's many microclimates within the parks, and forecast local weather based on observation and data collection.

NEW! Pre and Post visit on your school campus



Afternoons Grades K - 6 Many programs to choose from!

Would you like a science visit to your classroom? Now you can have one of our naturalists come to your school for a pre and post visit to one of our paid park field trips. This will build upon the experience of the natural world and deepen your student's knowledge. The lessons will reinforce Next Generation Science Standards.

For information on the programs above, contact:
Kristina Stanton at (707) 539-2865

New! at Taylor Mountain Regional Park!



Grades 4-8 9:30am-12:30 pm Tuesday - Friday
Taylor Mountain Regional Park

Through experiments, games, and plays, students will learn the science behind Earth's changing climate. Students will understand that human activities are impacting the climate system and that we can take actions to reduce climate change. Students will explore how they can be change agents to have a positive effect on our climate future. **Reinforces California State Science standards.**

Science and Cultural History at Tolay Lake Park in Petaluma



NEW! Pre-school - Kindergarten 9:30 am - 11:40 am Tuesday - Friday
Grades 1-6 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Tuesday - Friday
Tolay Lake Regional Park

Take a field trip to the farm! This program combines the best in science education while making the connection between protecting natural resources and growing healthy bodies. Students will learn the benefits of eating healthy foods, take a rigorous hike, tour the farm, and work in the garden. **Reinforces California State Health and Science Standards.**



Grades 3-6 9:30am-12:40 pm Tuesday - Friday
Tolay Lake Regional Park



Looking for a different field trip experience focused on California history? Award winning, Acorns to Oaks engages students with the rich heritage and culture of native communities in Sonoma County. Early California Indians had an incredibly detailed knowledge of natural resources and passed this knowledge down through generations. Students will take an extended hike, explore kotchas, the traditional housing structures, and will participate in storytelling and crafts specific to the living local tribal people. **Reinforces California State Social Studies, Health, and Science Standards.**



The Ultimate Fall Field Trip!

- ✓ Hayrides with a Ranger
- ✓ Native American Village
- ✓ Farm Animals
- ✓ Traditional Farm Crafts
- ✓ Old-fashioned Games
- ✓ Night Creatures Barn
- ✓ Giant pumpkin patch!

October 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2017

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Weekdays

\$8 per student includes a small pumpkin!

For information on the programs above, contact:
Christina McGuirk at (707) 789-9699

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