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TEAM Environmental and Agricultural Field Trip Program Application Form

Thank you for your interest in the TEAM (Teaching Environmental and Agricultural Memories) program with the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District! We are elated to offer this long-standing program to classes in Sonoma County. This almost 6-hour program, consisting of one field trip and one pre-trip and one post-trip classroom visit, supports the Next Generation Science Standards and greatly enhances students' understanding and appreciation for our local agricultural landscapes and natural environment.

By submitting this application, you acknowledge and agree to the **Terms of Participation** (page 3).

School Name: _____ Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____ Grade Level: _____ Academic Year (YY/YY) _____

Is your school a Title 1 school? Yes ____ No ____

If multiple classes are planning to visit within the same grade level, please list all the teacher contacts below:

Primary Contact Teacher: _____ Email: _____
Cell: _____

of Students/Class _____ Any special requests _____

Teacher Name: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____

of Students/Class _____ Any special requests _____

Teacher Name: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____

of Students/Class _____ Any special requests _____

Are there any other field trips your students will take this year? Please write them below:

Why do you want to participate in the TEAM program with your students?

Please describe how you plan to integrate the TEAM (Teaching Environmental and Agricultural Memories) program into your curriculum: Alternatively: How does the TEAM program enhance the curricula you are teaching this year?



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Has your school participated in the TEAM program before? Y N Approximate # of years _____

About our Funders: The TEAM program is made possible by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. A quarter cent sales tax initiated by the voters of Sonoma County directly supports all program operational costs including student participation and transportation scholarships.

Dates for Field Trips

Please note that our field trips take place 9:00am-1:00pm on the dates listed below. Please plan on staying for the full 4 hours of your field trip; this also includes eating your brown bag lunch on site during the last half hour. If your school cannot arrive at 9:00am, please indicate that in the Special Requests section.

Indicate with a check mark any dates your class is available to attend the trip during the month of your grade’s field trip:

Dutton Apple Ranch – 3rd grade

Duckworth Farm – 4th grade

April 2020

May 2020

- Thursday 4/2
- Friday 4/3
- Thursday 4/9
- Friday 4/10
- Friday 4/17
- Thursday 4/23
- Friday 4/24

- Thursday 5/7
- Friday 5/8
- Thursday 5/14
- Friday 5/15
- Tuesday 5/19
- Wednesday 5/20

A member of our team will contact you to coordinate the pre-trip and post-trip 50-minute classroom visits. These are mandatory to participate in the program.

All teachers must sign this for the application below:

All the above information is correct. My class will participate in the full program, and I will bring signed liability waivers provided by the program for each of my students on the day of the field trip.

Teacher Signature(s): _____

Please return completed form as soon as possible, via email: Adriana@goldridgercd.org RE: TEAM Application or via mail: Gold Ridge RCD, Attn: Adriana Stagnaro, 2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Thank you! You will be notified if your application has been accepted within one month of submitting.



Terms of Participation in the TEAM Environmental Education Program

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for your interest in participating in Gold Ridge RCD's **Teaching Environmental and Agricultural Memories (TEAM) Environmental Education Program**. We look forward to making educational memories together on this amazing open space and agricultural property. This letter outlines for you the terms of participating in the TEAM program.

TEAM is paid for by **the Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District** (the District). The District is a taxpayer-funded organization that preserves land for agricultural and natural open space use by purchasing conservation easements on privately-owned rural properties. Conservation easements are legal agreements that permanently limit the use of the property in ways that protect its conservation values as agricultural or open space land. Paid for through a quarter-cent sales tax, the District has used its funds to protect more than 111,000 acres in Sonoma County to benefit people and wildlife since 1990.

Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (RCD) has been contracted by the District to organize and run the TEAM Environmental Education Program since 2010. Your students will be hosted by trained professionals in the environmental field. While the property we will visit is protected by the District through a conservation easement, it is important to remember that the property is privately owned and operated. We are all guests at this privately-owned property.

This program is brought to schools across Sonoma County, free of charge, thanks to the funding of the District. Though it is free to participate, schools have responsibilities to ensure this wonderful program goes smoothly:

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

Before the Field Trip Date

- Schedule field trip date with the Gold Ridge RCD; the student capacity for each field trip is 30 students. We can allow for multiple classes or portions of classes so long as the total number of students does not exceed 30.
- Arrange for the bus transportation to the field trip site with the school's bus agency. If receiving funding assistance from the RCD, create an invoice from the school to the RCD to recuperate cost of bus fee.
- Arrange for the two 50-minute classroom visits with program staff for an introduction of the educational concepts of the program and the printed program workbook for each student.
- Have students complete the pre- and post- field trip pages of the workbook to prepare them for the education they will receive on the trip. Estimated class time to complete is 1.5 hours.
- Arrange for 3-6 adult chaperones to attend this field trip, aiming for an adult-to-student ratio of 1-to-4.
- Have students' parents read, sign and return the parent permission slips; students need to bring them signed to RCD staff on the field trip day.
- Remind students of the appropriate attire for the field trip and to bring lunches (if eating at farm).

On the Field Trip Date

- Bring the signed parent permission slips for each student.
- Express to parent chaperones that they have the duty of helping students maintain focus on the trip.
- Maintain good behavior and gratitude from students and adults present at the farm.

After the Field Trip Date

- Complete the post-field-trip pages in the workbooks, especially the thank you letter to the farmer.
- Send thank you letters to the Gold Ridge RCD office for delivery to the farmer.
- Encourage students to go on more outings and visit public lands of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District with their families and friends!
<http://www.sonomaopenspace.org/get-involved/outings-events/>

We want to make this the best experience possible for you and your students. Please feel welcome to contact me with any program questions or concerns.

Warm regards,
Adriana Stagnaro
Outreach and Project Manager

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