



Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Residential Outdoor Education

King Gillette Ranch • Temescal Gateway Park



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Generate that “spark” for learning in your students! Through exploring the natural world, we teach your students about nature and its inhabitants, afford opportunities for personal growth, and cultivate friendships and experiences that will last a lifetime.

For over 20 years, the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority’s Outdoor Education program has been providing deeply meaningful outdoor experiences to students who have limited access and familiarity with nature. Tied to California State Standards and the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI), our lessons focus on the unique Mediterranean ecosystem, dynamic local history and threatened watersheds.

Our programs serve predominantly 4th - 6th grade for a three to five day Outdoor Education experience in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. We offer programs at King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas and Temescal Gateway Park in Pacific Palisades.

Standard-based Lessons:

- Plant & Animal Adaptations
- Fire Ecology
- Native American History
- Watershed Exploration
- Naturalist-in-training
- Outdoor Skills
- Sensory Awareness
- Astronomy
- Team & Leadership Building
- Stewardship

For more information:

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What others are saying about our camp programs:

“It was a great experience for my students, many of whom had never hiked or been outdoors for an extended period of time before. I honestly believe that this experience made a hugely positive experience in my students’ lives.”

Susan Dipasquo, Teacher.
Thomas Starr King Middle School

“The naturalists were prepared and knowledgeable in areas of life, earth, and physical science. Activities supported the state standards for the appropriate grade.”

Helen G. Durham, Teacher.
93rd Street Elementary School

“This program out-does itself every time. The kids are engaged, the curriculum is appropriate, and the kids have fun! I think the nature games were a great reinforcement of previous lessons. The games, like the other activities, used all the modalities. I never take coming here for granted, and always consider it a privilege to work with such knowledgeable people. I hope many, many more children can come here in the future to enjoy this experience.”

Mark Ellis, Teacher.
Granada Elementary School

