



# North Coast CREEC Network

## Focus on Sonoma County

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Welcome to the North Coast California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Network's "Focus on Sonoma County" first print newsletter! Please E-mail Olga Clymire, Coordinator, North Coast CREEC Network at [olganc@pacific.net](mailto:olganc@pacific.net) for your recommendations for future newsletters.

This section of the newsletter provides information about environmental education (EE) and environment-based opportunities for Sonoma County teachers. Go to the **Online Resource Directory** at [www.creec.org](http://www.creec.org), click on "Resource Directory" and search by topic or EE providers in your county to locate other programs and resources.



**Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods** provides environmental education programs for youth in the State Parks in the Russian River area. Current docent-led programs include Tidepool Education, Watershed Education, and Redwood Ecology. Classroom visits are offered to schools in Sonoma County. Teacher's guides, other resource materials, and Service Learning opportunities are available. Programs are free for school groups, although donations are appreciated. Reservations are required. Earth Day projects will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact information: 869-9177, [stewards@mcn.org](mailto:stewards@mcn.org), or [www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org](http://www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org).



**The Sonoma Ecology Center** offers the K-12 Watershed Education program to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the Sonoma Valley. We also offer 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms a docent-led visit to the classroom and a guided walk on the Sonoma Overlook Trail. The Sonoma Garden Park on 7<sup>th</sup> St East in Sonoma offers field trips and community-maintained garden plots. Contact Patty O'Driscoll at 996-0712, ext. 110 or [patty@sonomaecologycenter.org](mailto:patty@sonomaecologycenter.org). For more information go to [www.sonomaecologycenter.org](http://www.sonomaecologycenter.org).

**Tour the Laguna Treatment Plant and Reclamation Farms** in Sonoma County. The City of Santa Rosa's subregional sewage treatment plant offers tours to all grade levels and can be tailored to emphasize any concept related to water. Tours are also offered at the created wetlands adjacent to the treatment plant or to one of the City of Santa Rosa farms. To arrange a visit, please contact Denise Cadman at 543-3408 or [dcadman@srcity.org](mailto:dcadman@srcity.org).

### The Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)

**Water Education Program** provides classroom instruction in water science and conservation for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades participate in classroom and field study (busses are provided) of watersheds and the source of their drinking water. A pilot program for High School students provides an introduction to Russian River Watershed ecology, local watershed management, and water quality issues. SCWA also provides in-service workshops for teachers on various water-related topics. These programs are available to teachers and students within the service area which includes Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sonoma, Valley of the Moon Water District, and Forestville. For information go to [www.sonomacountywater.org](http://www.sonomacountywater.org) or 521-6209 or 521-6211.



### Santa Rosa's Creek Education Project

If you are teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades in the City of Santa Rosa, an environmental educator/naturalist is available to facilitate classroom and field trip education session focusing on your local creek! Sessions provide hands-on experiences focusing on grade-specific science content standards while investigating the creek closest to your school. The Creek Stewardship Program is a partnership of the City of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County Water Agency which support individuals, businesses, and community groups in caring for Santa Rosa's 70 miles of creeks. For more information contact Stephanie Lennox 543-3812 or [slennox@srcity.org](mailto:slennox@srcity.org).

### Learning Laguna: A two part wetlands education program is

offered by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and covers grade-level specific CA State Science Standards. Bring the Laguna to your classroom and bring your classroom to the Laguna. Some transportation scholarships available. Go to: [www.lagunadesantarosa.org](http://www.lagunadesantarosa.org), click on "Learning Laguna" for detailed information and application. For more information call Mary Abbott at 527-9277 x 2 or email [mary@lagunafoundation.org](mailto:mary@lagunafoundation.org).

