Watershed Explorers Program Report: 2017-2018



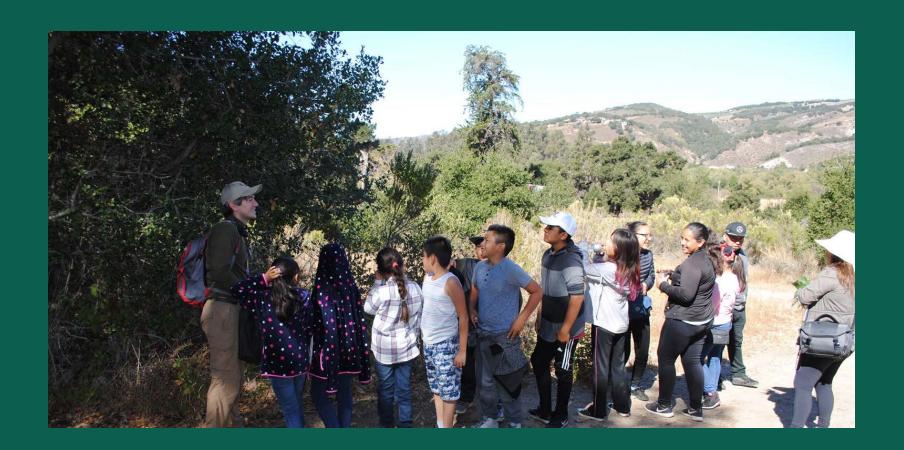






Watershed Explorers

- *3 Year NOAA B-WET grant for outdoor education programming, provided free to K-8 with possibility for financial assistance to help cover transportation (bus scholarships).
- *NGSS, Common Core and NOAA Climate Literacy supported classroom lesson and field trips (Garland Ranch and Carmel River State Beach).
- *Walk the Watershed and learning objective themed games.
- *Ask the Bugs! Using Macroinvertebrates as indicators of overall river health.
- *NOAA Marine Debris Monitoring.







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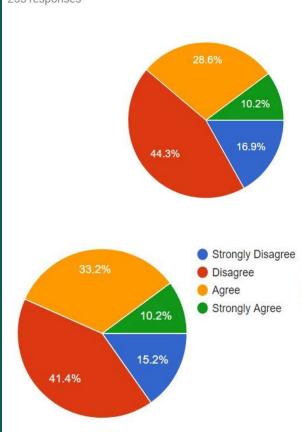
What was our impact?

- Total 1,773 students served
- 1,116 (63%) reached were from Schoolwide Title 1 schools
- 13 Teachers trained
- In a sample of 158 surveys, 93.4% responded that they had never been to Garland Ranch prior to the field trip and 87.8% said that they would like to visit again.
- 1-8th all showed significant improvement on at least one learning outcome.



I would like to be a scientist someday

255 responses





Moving Forward: Watershed Guardians 2018-2019 and Beyond



Highlights = Our Carmel River test sites

The Museum of Natural History's STREAM project engages students K through 12 in three strands of educational content and citizen science monitoring.

Watershed Guardians (6-12)

- Water quality testing
- Baseline dataset
- Measure environmental change

 Assess habitability for steelhead trout \(\)

Fully Museum funded

The goal:

- Increase appreciation for habitats and species.
- Increase stewardship of resources.



Please get in touch with questions or comments!

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