

# Youth Stewardship Program

## 2022-2023 Annual Report



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# What is YSP?



The Youth Stewardship Program (YSP) engages youth, K–12th grade, in environmental education and service-learning projects in parks citywide. The program is free of cost and available to any youth group in San Francisco.

**Our mission is to foster in youth an understanding of their important role in helping to build healthy social and natural communities.**

## Educational Themes

Educators are able to select from the following themes for the focus of each trip:



**Sense of Place:** Students use all five senses to explore their park’s natural and cultural history.



**Plant Adaptations:** Students learn about plant structure and function within an ecosystem, ethnobotany, plant life cycles, photosynthesis, native and non-native species, and/or leaf structures.



**Water and Soil:** Students learn about the importance and function of water and soil in ecosystems through geology, watersheds, erosion, soil composition, decomposition, and rock formation.



**Animal Adaptations:** Students learn to appreciate the many colors, shapes, and sizes of animals and their important role in the natural world.



**Interdependence:** Students explore the interdependent relationships that comprise an ecosystem and the important roles that individual organisms play.

# Summary in Numbers

Nov 2022 - May 2023

**2310**  
Student  
Interactions

**55**  
Educators  
Served

**\$49,647**  
In-Kind Donations from  
Volunter Hours

**31**  
Schools &  
Organizations



**2334**  
Hours of  
Education

**1404**  
Hours of  
Restoration

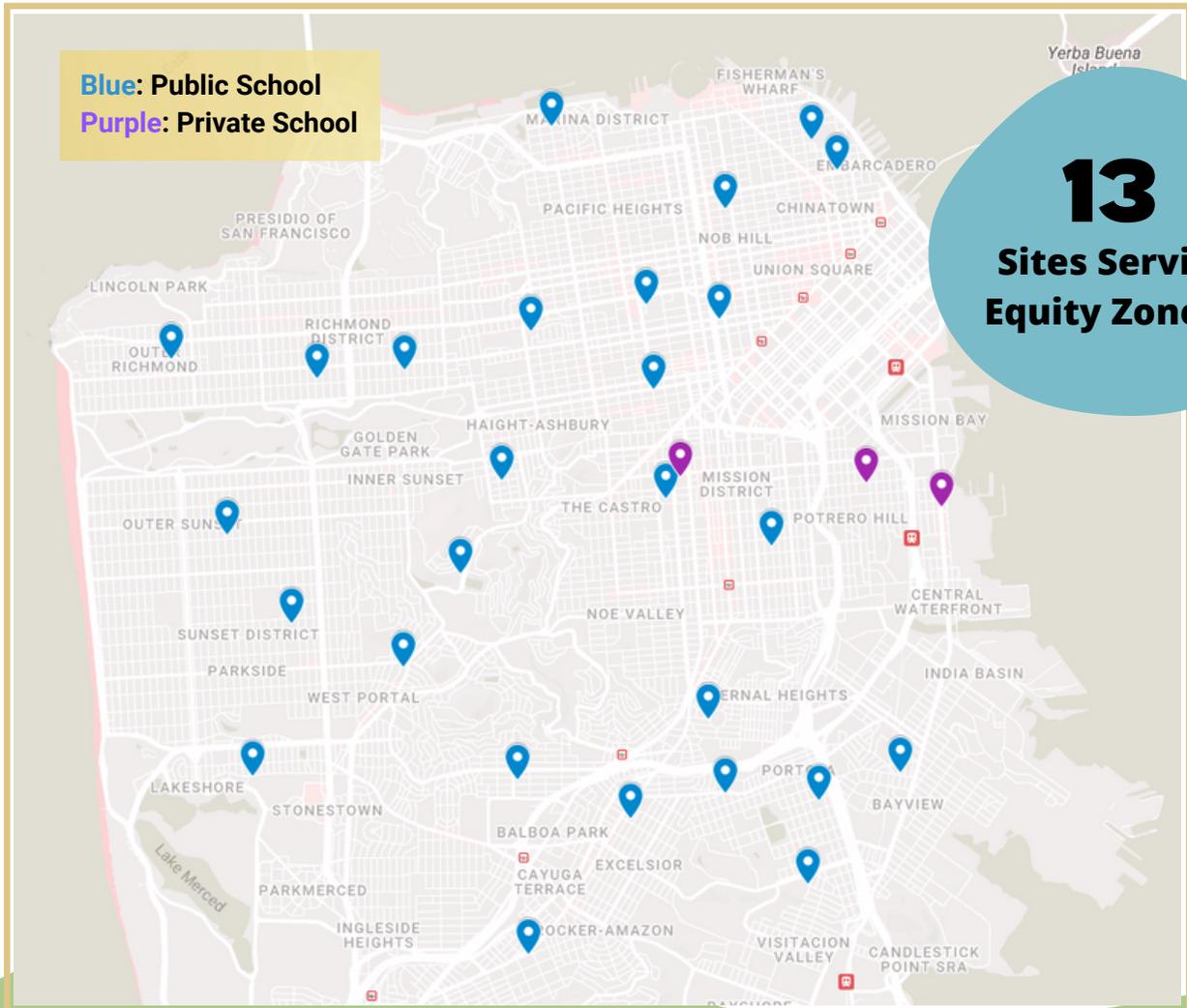
**78**  
Field Trips

**32**  
Classroom  
Visits

**10**  
Park Sites



# YSP Sites Served



**13**  
Sites Serving  
Equity Zones\*

- |                            |                             |                                      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. ▲ Abraham Lincoln HS    | 12. ▲ John Muir ES          | 23. ▲ Moscone ES                     |
| 2. ▲ Argonne ES            | 13. ▲ John Yehall Chin ES   | 24. ▲ Red Bridge Education           |
| 3. ▲ Children's Day School | 14. ▲ Junipero Serra ES     | 25. ▲ Rosa Parks ES                  |
| 4. ▲ Claire Lilienthal ES  | 15. ▲ Lafayette ES          | 26. ▲ San Francisco Community School |
| 5. ▲ Clarendon ES          | 16. ▲ Lakeshore ES          | 27. ▲ Spring Valley ES               |
| 6. ▲ Dr. Charles Drew ES   | 17. ▲ Lawton Alternative ES | 28. ▲ Sunnyside ES                   |
| 7. ▲ El Dorado ES          | 18. ▲ Live Oak School       | 29. ▲ Tenderloin Community School    |
| 8. ▲ Frank McCoppin ES     | 19. ▲ Longfellow ES         | 30. ▲ Wallenberg HS                  |
| 9. ▲ Garfield ES           | 20. ▲ Marin Horizon School  | 31. ▲ West Portal ES                 |
| 10. ▲ Grattan ES           | 21. ▲ Martin Luther king MS |                                      |
| 11. ▲ Hillcrest ES         | 22. ▲ Mission HS            |                                      |

\*Sites Serving Equity Zones are schools within 5 blocks of an Equity Zone (follow QR code for a map of SF Equity Zones).



# Program Testimonials

**I really appreciate that it had a hands-on activity in addition to the slideshow lesson. I wasn't expecting that, but the students loved it, and it's the kind of thing that is often hard for classroom teachers to prepare for on their own.**

*5th grade teacher, Hillcrest Elementary School*



**Your team was incredibly flexible on one of those rainy/windy days. They came to our classroom last minute and led an activity that was fun and engaging for students.**

*2nd grade teacher, Rosa Parks Elementary School*

**We had an awesome, amazing time! Students were so engaged and interested in learning about restoration projects!**

*2nd grade teacher, Lawton Alternative Elementary School*

**It was such a well planned and fun field trip!**

*1st grade teacher, John Yehall Chin Elementary School*

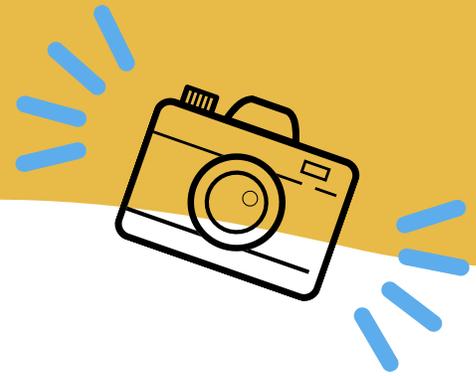
**My students loved this trip and the naturalists. They enjoyed the long hike and the work they did while pulling weeds. They had a fantastic time and learned a lot. They enjoyed learning about soil, the watershed, and hunting down mushrooms.**

*5th grade teacher, Frank McCoppin Elementary School*

**Very impressed with the staff at the YSP. Easy to schedule (and reschedule), activities were well-organized and engaging (the instructors should all be classroom teachers), and the kids got to experience parts of the city that they otherwise wouldn't.**

*1st grade teacher, Clarendon Elementary School*

# Photo Reel!



West Portal ES kindergarteners have fun pulling out invasive species at Glen Canyon!

Grattan ES learns the parts of a leaf and how to identify them on different plant species



Students from Longfellow ES play in the Nature Exploration Area at Heron's Head Park!



Longfellow 2nd graders make Tule reed dolls in a lesson on the Ramaytush Ohlone



TK students water native Yarrow at Heron's Head Park!



McCoppin ES students jump for joy in the Oak Woodlands at Golden Gate Park!



Moscone ES 2nd graders learn about the Web of Life and Interdependence at McLaren Park



Students dig in on seed ball-making at Heron's Head Park



Students from West Portal learn about pollinators at Glen Canyon

Spring Valley Science School goes for a color hunt at Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park!



Dr. Charles Drew ES 4th & 5th graders work hard weeding invasive grasses in Golden Gate Park



Sunnyside ES learns about interdependent relationships between SF flora and fauna





Lawton ES teams up to remove eucalyptus debris at Alemany Farm



A Rosa Parks ES 2nd grader observes a worm at Buena Vista Park!



Students from John Muir ES learn about beaver dams and create their own at the EcoCenter



Students check out the wetland birds at Heron's Head Park



Longfellow ES 2nd graders pause their hike to sketch native plants at Glen Canyon



The YSP team Left to right: Ian French, Lucinda Segraves, Lydia Nichols-Russell, Olivia Magee, and Karah Fisher

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