

Wetland Stewards Afterschool Program – Middle School

Day 1: Intro to Wetlands and Program

- (10) Opening welcome - program and rules
- (15) Class game _____
- (20) Evaluation
- (10) Get into mentor groups
- (15) Name game and getting to know you game
- (25) Bill Nye video
- (20) Wetland Demonstration (trays and sponges)
- (10) Rules Talk
- (?) Specimens
- (10) Introduce Passport/ Journal
- (10) Field trip briefing and distribute field trip forms

Day 2: Field Trip to Corralittos Creek

- (5) Pick-up forms & kids
- (25) Bus ride to site
- (10) Intro redwood grove+ poison oak + single file line
- (5) Games w/ mentor _____
- (45-60) Station rotation (scavenger hunt, “hike”, and creekside)
- (10) Walk to bus
- (25) Bus ride to school

Day 3: Field Trip to the DFW

- (10) Welcome and Intro at the log circle
- (15) game/icebreaker _____
- (45-60) station rotation (Birding, Water Quality, and photo scavenger?)
- (10) Wrap-up

Day 4: Field trip to Ramsay

- (5) Pick-up kids
- (15) Bus ride to site
- (10) Intro at Ramsay Nature center
- (15) Game w/ mentors _____
- (30) Aquatic invertebrate activity
- (10) Class aquatic invert results interpretation
- (15) Walk wetland (birds, plants, pollution, food web, and watershed)
- (15) Thank Docents and bus ride back to school

Day 5: Pajaro Dunes

- (5) Pick up the kids
- (10) Game + icebreaker
- (45-60) Station rotation – Water Quality, birding, & beach exploration scavenger hunt
- (10) wrap-up, talk about field trip

Day 6: Field trip to do Restoration

- (5) Pick-up kids
- (15) Bus ride to site
- (45) Restoration + fun activity
- (10) Game
- (10) Wrap-up
- (15) Bus ride back to school

Day 7: WERC Graduation Field Trip

- (5) Pick-up kids
- (15) Bus ride to site
- (10) Orientation
- (45-60) Hike to South Marsh Loop Bridge
- (15) Visitor Center (*if time allows*)
- (20-25) Bus ride back to school
- (5) Next week announcements

Day 8: Elk Horn Slough Safari

- (5) Pick up the kids
- (20) Bus Ride to Moss Landing
- (120) boat ride
- (5) snack
- (20) Bus ride back to school