

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SONOMA COUNTY TEACHERS FROM YOUR LOCAL RCD



## ———— 2023-2024 ———— TEAM field trips are back!

The Sonoma RCD is very excited to announce in-person 3rd-5th grade field trips this school year! The content of the TEAM program incorporates the significant role that Sonoma County's characteristic agricultural landscape plays in environmental stewardship. Our commitment to **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Our conservation education programs serve the youth of Sonoma County and are committed to providing a safe, equitable, and inclusive learning environment for all students and participants. Our team believes everyone should have access to the healing benefits and awe of our natural environment. See below for more details and don't forget to sign up soon as we are scheduling classes first come-first serve!



There is no charge for these field trips, which is made possible by the voters of Sonoma County who fund the work of Ag + Open Space with a quarter-cent sales tax.



# Field Trip to Open Field Farm

October 2023

Join us this fall to explore the bounty at this dynamic Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm in Petaluma. We will engage your students through pollinator + food web interactive scenarios. We will visit the CSA barn to better understand the community relationship to the farm and taste the harvest. Students will also take a guided walking tour to visit with all the animals and learn about the James Family's farming methods and soil health practices. To sign up your class for this field trip and learn more about how we can support your class to get transportation, please see the links below in this email.

**APPLY**

## Open Field Farm Dates:

Thursday, October 5th  
Thursday, October 12th  
Tuesday, October 17th  
Thursday, October 19th  
Friday, October 20th  
Tuesday, October 24th  
Thursday, October 26th





# Field Trip to Dutton Apple Orchard

March & April 2024

Classes can join us early in the spring for a learning adventure at a family ranch in Sebastopol. We will guide your students through games and scenarios to explore the food webs that link wildlife ecosystems to local farms. Students will navigate the important role of pollinators in agriculture and act out the interesting production systems behind apple products like apple sauce.

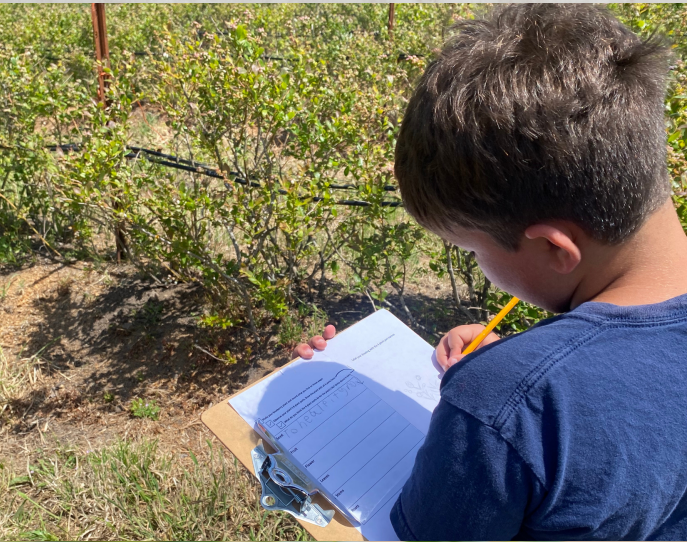
**APPLY**

## Dutton Field Trip Dates:

*Dates coming fall 2023!*







# Field Trip to Duckworth Family Farm

May 2024

Welcome to our brand-new learning site located in Sebastopol! This exciting U-Pick organic blueberry farm awaits as a destination for students to learn about the form and function of a local diversified farm.

Where do natural fibers come from and how does weaving technology hold an important role in our daily lives? How are pollinators and healthy soil important for growing blueberries? We can't wait to lead students on a tour of the property to meet the Duckworth Family, weave a class rag rug, and explore how blueberries are grown.

**APPLY**

## Duckworth Field Trip Dates:

*Dates coming fall 2023!*





## Reserve a field trip date now!

You can apply for TEAM by submitting our Program Application Form on behalf of just one class, or multiple classes in the same grade at your school who would be interested in taking a TEAM field trip. To download the application please here >>>

**APPLY**



## Transportation Stipend

We have transportation stipends available to reimburse classes from Title 1 schools for their busing costs. Please also reach out about bus stipends even if you are not at a Title I school, as we may be able to help cover the costs.

Interested classes applying for TEAM will need a **transportation reimbursement request form**. In addition to filling out this form we kindly ask that once approved, you complete and send in an invoice to [ckuehn@sonomarc.org](mailto:ckuehn@sonomarc.org) for reimbursement.

## The TEAM Partnership

For over 15 years, the TEAM (Teaching Environmental and Agricultural Memories) field trip program has provided students with a unique environmental education program offered to elementary youth county wide in partnership with the Sonoma and Gold Ridge Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) and Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space). From the beginning, Stephanie Lennox of Envirichment, has supported our TEAM with inspiring curriculum development and assisted all of our on the land field trips.



**Help us spread the word!** Please feel free to share within your teacher networks to any others who might be interested in signing up their class for a field trip this spring.

**Any Questions?** Please reach out to Christine Kuehn, Director of Communications and Engagement via email: [ckuehn@sonomarc.org](mailto:ckuehn@sonomarc.org)