### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SONOMA COUNTY TEACHERS FROM YOUR LOCAL SONOMA RCD



\_\_\_\_2025-2026\_\_\_\_\_

#### Sign-up for Fall TEAM field trips now!

The Sonoma RCD's TEAM program is now accepting applications for our fall field trips at Open Field Farm. The TEAM program focuses on the significant role that Sonoma County's characteristic agricultural landscape plays in environmental stewardship. It includes a pre- and post-classroom visit as well as a six-hour field trip to Open Field Farm. These are free to attend, and there is support available to assist with transportation costs because our team believes everyone should have access to the healing benefits and awe of our natural environment. See more info below!











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.

#### 2025-2026 FIELD TRIP DATES AND DETAILS

#### Field Trip to Open Field Farm

## September - October 2025

Join us this fall to explore the bounty at this dynamic Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm in Petaluma. We will engage your students through three pollinator + food web interactive stations.

Students will visit the CSA barn to explore the community relationship to the farm and taste the harvest. They 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. They also learn how to use a compass, map, and binoculars as part of the tour. Lastly, we will dive into the importance of pollinators for biodiversity and how everyone can support their local habitats.

We will be accepting applications for date requests through **Friday Sept. 5**<sup>th</sup> and send out final schedules starting on Monday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Transportation requests can also be found online. Please email Maria Wnorowski, Community Engagement Program Manager, at <a href="mailto:mwnorowski@sonomarcd.org">mwnorowski@sonomarcd.org</a> with questions. Visit <a href="mailto:sonomarcd.org/programs/education/team-program/">mynorowski@sonomarcd.org/programs/education/team-program/</a> to learn more.

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.



# Field Trip to Open Field Farm

All field trips run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Open Field Farm is located at 2245 Spring Hill Rd, Petaluma, CA.

Wed., September 24 Thurs., September 25

Wed., October 1 Thurs., October 2

Wed., October 8 Thurs., October 9

Wed., October 15 Thurs., October 16

Wed., October 22 Thurs., October 23

Mon., October 27 Tues., October 28 Wed., October 29 Thurs., October 30

All of these include a pre- and post-classroom visit that will be scheduled individially with teachers.

