



## Environmental Studies Program Program Information

Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Studies Program (ESP) at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. This is a very special program that is based on the popular Environmental Living Program (ELP). Unlike ELP however, this program is not an overnight experience; it is a daytime only program and runs for nine hours, from 8:00am until 5:00pm. This program gives students, along with their teacher and trained parent assistants, the opportunity to partake in the various activities, trades, and entertainment of the 1840s. The program is highly flexible, giving teachers the ability to create their own unique experience and is a fabulous teaching tool based upon students learning through first-hand interaction and hands-on experiences.

### **Requirements and Restrictions**

- The program is available to public, private, and home school groups.
- The program is limited to a maximum of 100 student participants; however, we recommend that in order to optimize the experience of participating students, the number of students be kept between 30 and 70.

### **Participation**

- The program starts at 8:00am and ends by 5:00pm the same day.
- On an ESP day, the students arrive in the morning dressed in period clothing. They spend the day in small groups rotating every half hour or so between various stations run by parent volunteers. At the stations, they learn about and participate in many of the jobs that would have been performed at Sutter's Fort between 1839 and 1850, such as trapping, weaving, candle dipping, rope making, carpentry, and baking.

### **Application and Selection Process**

- An application completed by a teacher or group leader is required to participate in ESP.
- Applications are only accepted January through June 1<sup>st</sup> for the following school year.
- Please submit only one application per number of days you plan to participate; if you have two classes but want them to come on the same day, please only submit one application.
- Because of the popularity of ESP, more applications are usually submitted than the number of spaces available; as a result, applications are selected by a random lottery draw (additional information available).
- Available ESP days are most Mondays from January to early June.

### **Cost**

- The program participation fee is \$550. The program fee covers up to 65 students; each additional student is \$5 (maximum of 100 students).
- A nonrefundable \$100 deposit is required by the time of the ESP Teacher Workshop in September in order to secure your place in the program and your ELP date chosen at the workshop.





- Payments are made to Friends of Sutter's Fort, (Tax ID 94-2608741). We accept check or credit card.
- Full payment is due by or before parent-teacher workshop assigned to your school. No refunds 30 days prior to program date.
- There are other costs (food, project supplies, entertainment, etc.) that you will incur.
- The full amount of these additional costs depends on what you decide to do with your ESP. Most schools end up paying between \$800 and \$1300.

### **Training Workshops**

- There are four ESP workshops throughout the year, one Teacher Workshop and three Parent Workshops (additional information available).
- The Teacher Workshop will be held on a Saturday in September. It is MANDATORY for teachers who wish to participate in ESP to attend; if the teacher, or an assigned representative, is not present, their spot is forfeited.
- The Parent/Teacher Workshops are held on Saturdays throughout the rest of the school year. Schools do not need to come to more than one of these and will be assigned a specific one depending on their chosen ELP date. Every station MUST have at least one trained parent.

### **CA State Social-Science Standards**

The Environmental Studies Program covers many components of 3rd-5th grade Social Science curriculum. Below are just some of the standards ESP helps you cover:

- 3.2 Students describe the American Indian nations in their local region long ago and in the recent past.
- 3.3 Students draw from historical and community resources to organize the sequence of local historical events and describe how each period of settlement left its mark on the land.
- 4.2 Students describe the social, political, cultural, and economic life and interactions among people of California from the pre-Columbian societies to the Spanish mission and Mexican rancho periods.
- 4.3 Students explain the economic, social, and political life in California from the establishment of the Bear Flag Republic through the Mexican-American War, the Gold Rush, and the granting of statehood.
- 5.8 Students trace the colonization, immigration, and settlement patterns of the American people from 1789 to the mid-1800s, with emphasis on the role of economic incentives, effects of the physical and political geography, and transportation systems.

We appreciate your interest in the Environmental Studies Program. If you have any questions, please contact us at (916) 323-8112 or [Jared.Jones@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Jared.Jones@parks.ca.gov). Applications are available at the Fort or online at [www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort](http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort) and [www.suttersfort.org](http://www.suttersfort.org) under the Environmental Studies Program heading or by submitting the application found on the next page.





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Application

2019-2020

### School Information

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle if the School is:    PUBLIC    PRIVATE    CHARTER    HOME-SCHOOL

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address (street, city, state, and zipcode):

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Phone Number (with teacher's extension if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s) of Participating Students: \_\_\_\_\_    Number of Participating Students: \_\_\_\_\_

### Teacher Information

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_    Participated in ESP Before? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_    Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teaching Partner (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching Partner's E-Mail (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Send Completed Application to:

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

or Fax: (916) 442-8613

Attn: ESP

2701 L Street

or E-Mail: Jared.Jones@parks.ca.gov

Sacramento, CA 95816

Questions? Call: (916) 323-8112

**\*If faxing your application, please follow up with an e-mail to ensure it was received\***

\*Applications are only accepted 1/21/2019 through 6/07/2019 for the 2019-2020 ESP season\*

