

LEARNING THROUGH
EXPERIENCE



GROWING THROUGH
EXPRESSION



Every moment is a learning moment at Nature's Classroom Institute. We motivate students in ways they don't even realize they are learning. Instead of looking out the window at nature ~ we teach there!

Our goal is to incorporate the whole environment, teaching through the elements of the world around us.

Our classes are engaging through every step of the program and include your classroom curriculum to keep it relevant to your class goals.

Ben Lomond, California



NCI's second Mountain site is in the Santa Cruz Mountains at Ben Lomond, and conveniently located 15 minutes north of Santa Cruz and under an hour from San Jose. Nestled among the San Lorenzo River and on the banks of the Mason Creek, NCI Ben Lomond offers a myriad of covered trails, Redwood forests, river exploration and full access to classes in the tree house.



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NATURE'S CLASSROOM INSTITUTE in Ben Lomond, California



Why NCI?

Nature's Classroom Institute is the very best in environmental education. We develop tomorrow's leaders through self discovery, collaboration and a deep thirst for learning.

Our program encompasses team building, individual independence, experiential outdoor learning while including the current classroom curriculum of history, mathematics, science, art and writing.

NCI motivates the students to continually learn by teaching through creative and progressive methods.

We build a framework that leads to specific goals and objectives and then, guiding along the way, allow each student the freedom to choose their own path, based upon their natural motivations, curiosities and learning styles.

Explore your opportunity to follow the interests of your students and exceed standards with customized experiences.

Why Ben Lomond?

- Featuring fully winterized cabins, a large, full glass dining room and curriculum space. The facility offers both students and staff a variety of comfortable cabin accommodations.
- Offers mountain and terrain hiking trails, Redwood forests, river exploration along the San Lorenzo River and full access to the Mason Creek.
- A wide range of ecosystems from Western Sycamores, Black Cottonwood, White Adler and California Box-Elder trees which offer cooling shade for river inhabitants, Banana slugs and fauna.
- Habitat for white-tailed kites, belted kingfisher, blue herons, Pacific wren and the endangered steelhead trout.
- Escape the busy Bay Area and experience a true environmental program where students have the opportunity to explore this spectacular place, "A true Mountain experience."

Benefits of NCI

- Teachers discover new ways to reach your students and elevate your relationships.
- NCI enhances community, enthusiasm, and excitement for learning in the classroom.
- Veteran staff to present and customize curriculum for each school.
- Pre-program guidance and planning.
- Students enjoy a unique educational experience that motivates them to learn.
- Students gain new independence and confidence to help them succeed, grow and become leaders.
- Funding options and guidance.



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