

2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

At School Garden Network we maintain a steady focus to provide school garden programs with the resources and technical support necessary to thrive.

We remain committed to evolving our programs and services to best meet the needs of our community. Here's what we've been up to!

SCHOOL YARD HABITAT • GROW KITS • GARDEN CAMP • TRAUMA INFORMED GARDEN EDUCATION • MAPPING FOR PARTNER SCHOOLS



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Since 2012, SGN has mentored students and teachers in the creation of wildlife habitats on campuses which provide equal access to students of all ages.

- Design, install and maintain wildlife habitat projects
- Use nature as a classroom for field study and observation
- Foster long term ecological stewardship in children
- Professional development training for teachers

Impacts: Distributed more than \$87,500 in grants to 23 Sonoma County schools

Suggested Donation Levels

- \$400** funds irrigation supplies for a habitat garden
- \$1,500** installs a school habitat project
- \$2,500** sponsors a professional development training for 15 educators

GROW KITS

SGN creates and distributes seasonal Grow Kits full of nutritious food crops and supplies that are well suited for garden programs.

Each school received:

- 2+ flats of plant starts
- 15+ seed packets
- 1 Synergy Compost Tea Brew Kit
- Access to Leah's Pantry's "Trauma-Informed Care in Garden Education" online course
- Cooking from the Garden recipes and best practices

Impacts:

- 52 Spring & Fall Grow Kits were distributed to schools
- 75+ wine barrels went to Sonoma County schools

Suggested Donation Levels

- \$50** get a school a fruit tree
- \$100** get a school cooking supplies
- \$350** buys a school an entire Grow Kit



TRAUMA INFORMED GARDEN EDUCATION

Many students carry traumatic experiences in their bodies which can be easily triggered by conversations surrounding food. SGN Programs Director Anne Loarie worked closely with Leah's Pantry to integrate trauma-informed principles to school garden education.

- Facilitated a workshop for educators called "Trauma Informed Nature Connections"
- Co-created a 5-hour virtual training program with Leah's Pantry called, "Trauma Informed Care in Garden Education."

Impacts:

- 35 SGN partner schools received "Trauma Informed Care in Garden Education" online course
- 13 educators attended "Trauma Informed Nature Connections" workshop

Suggested Donation

\$150 pays for an educator to attend a training



MAPPING PROJECT FOR PARTNER SCHOOLS (Launching in 2022)

- Introduce GIS (Geographic Information Systems) technology to schools as a teaching curriculum for students
- Develop Storymaps for individual schools to showcase program elements, projects, best practices, data collections and student impacts
- Catalog soil types, crops, wildlife migration patterns, carbon sequestration, waste diversion, etc through school garden programs
- Promote school garden events for community building, fundraising and donor stewardship

Impacts:

- Collate data from 151 school gardens

Suggested Donation

\$75 supports a school to map their garden



GARDEN CAMP

Our first summer camp this July went off without a hitch. With decades worth of collective experience and specialized training in outdoor education, SGN staff created a safe and supportive space for children and teens to joyfully reunite in nature after a year of distance learning and social isolation.

Impacts:

- 69 children attended camp
- 10 scholarships

Suggested Donation

Help us reach our **\$5,000 Scholarship goal**
\$400 sends a child to camp for a week

