



# Nature Collective

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## Nature Collective Education Program Summary

Goal: To build environmental literacy among school districts and their respective communities

How do we do this?

- Use local environments to engage students in science practices
  - Provides real-world relevant science/nature experiences at the community level
  - Builds common prior knowledge to allow all students to engage in NGSS
  - Connects schools with community partners
- Provide Teacher Training
  - Teachers gain a better understanding of local resources and how to incorporate them into curriculum
  - Teachers gain confidence in leading outdoor nature programming
- Provide weekend family programming
  - Families have shared nature experiences
  - Connects community to free local natural resources
- Collaborate with informal education partners throughout San Diego County and beyond
  - Strengthens local partnerships
  - Creates a community of learners

### Specific programs include:

- 1) Watershed education for predominantly grades 3-6 during school day  
For more information go to: [Field Trips](#)
- 2) Weekend GOIN (Get Out In Nature) programs exploring local watersheds
- 3) One-week Summer Camps
- 4) School Gardens
- 5) [Nature Journaling](#) (Developed during Covid to help students stay connected to the natural world and inspire students to get off their computers!)

*Note: Some students receive multiple touches through the various programs, but we hope to increase student (and possibly family) opportunities to have additional and more long-term nature experiences through a nature journaling club. Feedback welcome!*