

## San Joaquin County Office of Education

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016-052: Outdoor Education Raffle

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### **Raffle for Outdoor Education Breaks Last Year's Record** *Raffle brings in \$122,000 to pay for Science Camp and other programs*

Communities in San Joaquin County raised more than \$122,000 to take students on an educational adventure. Funds raised will pay for hundreds of students to participate in outdoor-education programs, like the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) Outdoor Education program, a four-night excursion to the coastal redwoods known to generations of county students as "Science Camp." The amount raised is double the amount raised two years ago and \$40,000 more than last year's \$82,000, the previous record.

All San Joaquin County schools were invited to participate in the raffle coordinated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation (SJCOEEF). All proceeds went directly to the school that sold the tickets for their Outdoor Education trip because of generous donations: Valley Oak Dental sponsored the printing of 30,000 raffle tickets and the SJCOEEF donated \$5,000 in prize money.

San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools James Mousalimas drew the three winning tickets:

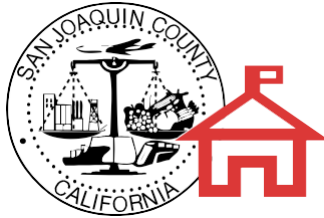
- First prize (\$3,500): Jill Gilbert (ticket sold by Monte Vista Middle School, Tracy Unified School District)
- Second prize (\$1,000): Erika Toshishige (ticket sold by Bethany Elementary School, Lammersville Unified School District)
- Third prize (\$500): April Love (ticket sold by Marshall Elementary, Stockton Unified School District)

This year, 36 schools participated in the Outdoor Education raffle.

Since 1957, more than 500,000 elementary students have participated in the SJCOE Outdoor Education program, formerly known as Science Camp. More than 4,000 fifth- and sixth-graders, and nearly 600 high school cabin leaders attend Outdoor Education each year, spending five days and four nights exploring and learning in nature. For more information, visit <http://www.sjcoe.org/outdoored/>.

#### **Participating Schools:**

Aspire Langston Hughes Academy, August Knodt Elementary, Banta Elementary, Bethany Elementary, Colony Oak Elementary, Discovery Charter, Dolores Huerta Elementary, El Dorado Elementary, Elmwood Elementary, Golden West Elementary, Great Valley Elementary, Harrison Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Madison Elementary, Marshall Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Monte Vista Middle, Mosher Elementary, Mossdale



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Elementary, Park View Elementary, Primary Years Academy, Pulliam Elementary, Questa Elementary, Rio Calaveras Elementary, Ripon Elementary, River Islands Technology Academy, Roosevelt Elementary, San Joaquin Elementary, Sequoia Elementary, Shasta Elementary, Tom Hawkins Elementary, Venture Academy, Veritas Elementary, Weston Elementary, Wicklund Elementary, and Woodward Elementary.

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