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017-060: Outdoor Education Raffle

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Raffle for Outdoor Education Raises Money for Outdoor Education *Raffle brings in \$121,000 to pay for Science Camp and other programs*

Communities in San Joaquin County raised nearly \$121,000 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.”

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 go 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:

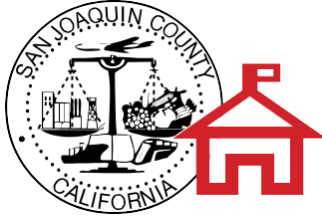
- First Place (\$3,500): Bryan De Horta Camacho, (ticket sold by Earle E. Williams Middle School, Tracy Unified School District)
- Second Place (\$1,000): Harold Alimboyoguen, (ticket sold by Lammersville Elementary School, Lammersville Unified School District)
- Third Place (\$500): Trino Ceja, (ticket sold by Primary Years Academy, Stockton Unified School District)

This year, 36 schools participated in the Outdoor Education raffle. The SJCOEEF has stepped up efforts to raise more money during the raffle in recent years. The total has risen from \$40,000 in 2014 to \$82,000 in 2015. The amount raised in 2017 almost matches the \$122,000 raised in last year's 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:

August Knodt Elementary, Banta Elementary, Bethany Elementary, Colony Oak Elementary, Earle E. Williams Middle, Elmwood Elementary, George Kelly Elementary, Golden West Elementary, Great Valley Elementary, Hoover Elementary, John Marshall Elementary, John McCandless STEM Charter, Lammersville Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Madison Elementary, Monte Vista Middle, Mossdale Elementary, Next



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Generation STEAM Academy, Park View Elementary, Primary Years Academy, Questa Elementary, Rio Calaveras Elementary, Ripon Elementary, River Islands Technology Academy, Roosevelt Elementary, San Joaquin Elementary, Sequoia Elementary, Shasta Elementary, Stockton Christian Academy, Stockton Public Safety Academy, Tom Hawkins Elementary, Venture Academy Family of Schools, Veritas Elementary, Walter Woodward Elementary, Weston Elementary, and Wicklund Elementary.

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