



On a field trip to the Salmon River fish screwtrap

Partnerships

We owe the success of our program to all of the dedicated partners of the Watershed Education Program:

- CA Dept. of Fish & Game
- US Forest Service
- Karuk Tribe of California
- Siskiyou Natural Resources Program/ AmeriCorps
- Junction Elementary School
- Forks Elementary School
- Community members & parents



Fall Chinook Carcass dissection was suprisingly popular!

THE SALMON RIVER WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM



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Junction School Watershed Ed. webpage:
www.sisnet.ssku.k12.ca.us/junc.ftp/watershed/index.html

Forks School Watershed Ed. webpage:
www.sisnet.ssku.k12.ca.us/forks.ftp/index.html



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Junction school kids on a trip to the Hatchery

The Salmon River Restoration Council (SRRC) staff works with teachers to plan and implement watershed education activities both in the classroom & in the field. All teachers in the program attend a summer planning session and scheduled curriculum meetings with the education coordinator in order to plan high quality learning experiences. An annual curriculum calendar is developed each year. The program focuses its activities in accordance with CA State Standards & Guidelines. Training with resource professionals provides teachers with the opportunity to increase their proficiency in science & resource subjects. SRRC coordinates presentations & other events with federal & state agencies, tribes, and community members. We bring knowledge of current resource conditions to the classroom. Teachers depend on SRRC staff to gather curriculum resources, coordinate field trips, and schedule resource presenters.

Students Participate in the Following Projects:

- Fall Salmon Survey
- Stream Temperature Monitoring
- Watershed Education Web Pages
- Annual Watershed Education Fair
- Aquarium Incubator Project
- Adopt-A-Site Weed Eradication
- Winter Ecology Studies
- Aquatic Insect Studies
- Water Quality Studies
- Plant & Mushroom Studies



Benefits to Students include:

- Increased awareness of their local watershed
- Exposure to issues that directly affect our community
- Provides classroom to career connections
- Involves students in real data collection
- Encourages personal commitment & responsibility



HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

The watershed education program was first initiated by a Forks of Salmon teacher in 1993 who wanted her students to explore the watershed and its inhabitants. The Klamath Fisheries Task Force, in 1994, funded an "Adopt-a-Stream" Program in the schools through the SRRC. In 1998, the CA Dept. of Fish & Game began supporting the school program with the SRRC. Support from the US Forest Service in 2000-2001 strengthened the program. Support from the US Forest Service in 2000-2001 strengthened the program. An education coordinator, along with an additional AmeriCorps position, currently provide weekly watershed education in the schools. These agencies, along with the Karuk Tribe and more recently the Siskiyou Natural Resources Program, continue to integrate watershed education in the Salmon River Schools' classroom curriculum.



Younger class on a streamside field trip