



**EMERALD
NECKLACE**



AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS - EMERALD NECKLACE

EG-19-033

July 1st 2025 - December 31st 2025

2025

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MOUNTAINS TO SEA PROGRAM EL MONTE
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SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS - 7/11/2025
MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 7.11.2025

LOCATION: Mount Wilson Observatory,
Angeles National Forest, 91107 CA

ACTIVITY: STEM lesson

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 2 PM

PARTNERS: Mount Wilson Institute, Upward
Bound

LEADERS/GUIDES: Astrophysicist and
Astronomer Docents at Mount Wilson Institute,
Amigos de los Rios staff

METRICS:

Total Participants: 19

Zip Codes: 91731, 91733, 91103, 90033, 91775, 90660

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Joined by 19 participants met through Upward Bound, an organization based in El Monte that supports disadvantaged low income and first generation immigrant youth apply to colleges. In collaboration with Mount Wilson Institute, we had a day full of engaging STEM lessons and exploration planned for the participants. The participants, many of whom expressed interest in attending college for a STEM degree, first started with an introduction to Mount Wilson's history from the institute's docents. Here they learned they were standing where scientific history was made, and Albert Einstein once stood.

Throughout the day the participants met with different scientists in the 60 inch telescope, 100 inch telescope, and Snow Solar Telescope. Participants enjoyed learning about the functions of telescopes, and careers related to the field. Participants enjoyed a group lunch before departing.



MAP VIEW OF MOUNT WILSON INSTITUTE

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

We connected with Upward Bound, an organization who helps disadvantaged low income and first generation immigrant youth apply to colleges. This organization is based in El Monte High Schools surrounding our community homebase. .

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: We purchased bus transportation from our most affordably quoted company.

Transport Company: Top Transportation Service

Transportation Cost: \$ 1,260.00

Number of Staff Managing Event: 5 Amigo's Staff, 1 California Climate Action Corp Fellow, 6 total.

SUPPLIES:

Safety: We provided reusable water bottles, hats, and backpacks for participants to keep. Our staff was equipped with crossing guard signs for crossing roads, first aid kits, whistles, sunscreen, bug spray, and a list of participants.

Food: For breakfast we provided granola bars and bananas to the group before boarding the bus. During trip we provided a lunch of sandwiches, juices, cookies, and chips.



PARTICIPANTS HEADING TO 100 INCH
TELESCOPE

PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS LEARNING ABOUT SUN SPOTS



*PARTICIPANTS WITH PRISM EYEWEAR OUTSIDE
SNOW TELESCOPE*



PARTICIPANTS POSING IN FRONT OF 100 INCH TELESCOPE



YOUTH LOOKING THROUGH 100 INCH TELESCOPE LENS

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SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS - 7/18/2025

MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 7.18.2025

LOCATION: Mount Wilson Observatory,
Angeles National Forest, 91107 CA

ACTIVITY: STEM lesson

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 2 PM

PARTNERS: Mount Wilson Institute, Upward
Bound

LEADERS/GUIDES: Astrophysicist and
Astronomer Docents at Mount Wilson Institute,
Amigos de los Rios staff

METRICS:

Total Participants: 24

Zip Codes: 91733, 91732, 91731, 91744, 90640, 91746, 90033

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Joined by 24 participants met through Upward Bound, an organization based in El Monte that supports disadvantaged low income and first generation immigrant youth apply to colleges. In collaboration with Mount Wilson Institute, we had a day full of engaging STEM lessons and exploration planned for the participants. The participants, many of whom expressed interest in attending college for a STEM degree, first started with an introduction to Mount Wilson's history from the institute's docents. Here they learned they were standing where scientific history was made, and Albert Einstein once stood.

Throughout the day the participants met with different scientists in the 60 inch telescope, 100 inch telescope, and Snow Solar Telescope. Participants enjoyed learning about the functions of telescopes, and careers related to the field. Participants enjoyed a group lunch before departing.



MAP VIEW OF MOUNT WILSON INSTITUTE

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

We connected with Upward Bound, an organization who helps disadvantaged low income and first generation immigrant youth apply to colleges. This organization is based in El Monte High Schools surrounding our community homebase. This trip connected with different students that did not attend 7.11.2025.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: We purchased bus transportation from our most affordably quoted company.

Transport Company: Top Transportation Service

Transportation Cost: \$ 1,260.00

*Number of Staff Managing Event: 2 Amigos de los Rios Staff,
1 West Los Angeles College Intern.*

SUPPLIES:

Safety: We provided reusable water bottles, hats, and backpacks for participants to keep. Our staff was equipped with crossing guard signs for crossing roads, first aid kits, whistles, sunscreen, bug spray, and a list of participants.

Food: For breakfast we provided granola bars and bananas to the group before boarding the bus. During trip we provided a lunch of sandwiches, juices, cookies, and chips.



PARTICIPANTS LOOKING AT SAN
GABRIEL MOUNTAIN SKYLINE

PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS LEARNING ABOUT SUN SPOTS



PARTICIPANTS IN AMIGO'S PROVIDED HATS AND NAME TAGS



PARTICIPANTS IN MOUNT WILSON HISTORIC MUSEUM



PARTICIPANTS IN FRONT OF TELESCOPE

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MARINA DEL REY - 8/24/2025 MOTHERS BEACH



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 8/24/2025

LOCATION: Mothers Beach, 4101 Admiralty
Way, Marina Del Rey, 90292 CA

ACTIVITY: Kayaking

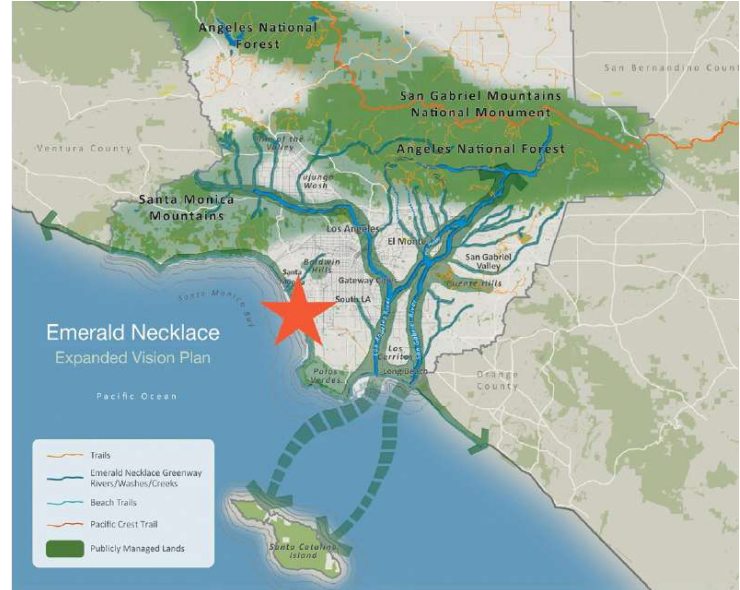
TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 1 PM

METRICS:

Total Participants: 16

Zip Codes: 91731, 91732, 91016, 90602



MAP VIEW OF MOTHERS BEACH

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met at our community home base, Dorris Dann. Here we went over expectations for the trip, and passed out breakfast, sunscreen, hats, and waterbottles. As a group we traveled by bus to Mothers Beach, in Marina Del Rey. Here we met with Pro SUP shop professionals to get our booking started. Participants were given equipment and a demonstration. Participants then enjoyed 1.5 hours of kayaking before group lunch. Over lunch we discussed the watershed and kayaking. Participants enjoyed walking the beach and the water before departure on the bus back to our home base.



INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

Participants were found through tabling at our community home base, and promotion at our community stewardship events. We created a flyer with registration portal QR code. Form and flyer were available in English and Spanish

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Bus Reservation

Transport Company: JFK Transportation

Transport Cost: \$926.45

Number of Staff Managing Event: 3 Amigos Staff

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, whistles and sunscreen.

Drinks and Food: We provided reusable water bottles for participants to keep after the experience. For breakfast we provided fruit and granola bars. For lunch we provided sandwiches, salad, chips, juices, and cookies.



PARTICIPANT READY TO KAYAK

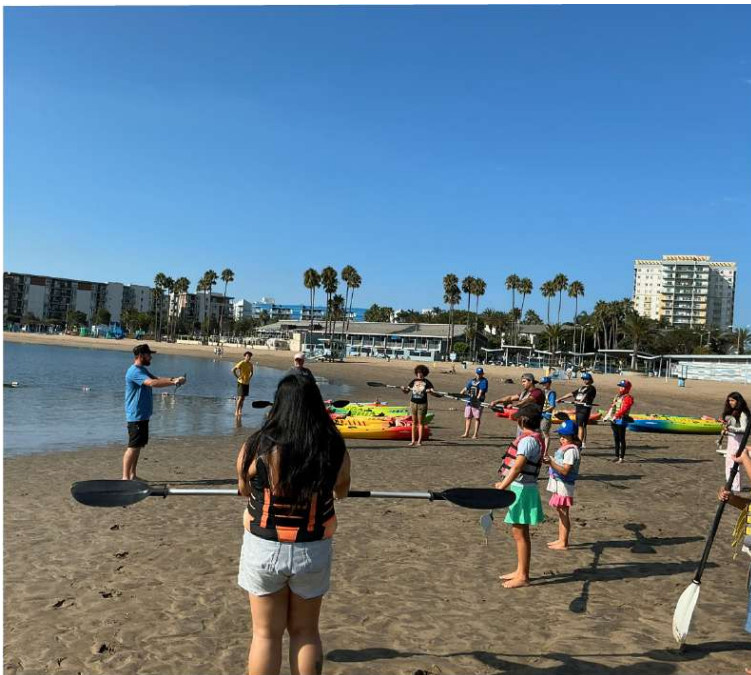
PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS WITH LIFEGUARDS DOG



PARTICIPANTS WITH KAYAKING GEAR



PARTICIPANTS RECIEVING PADDLING LESSON



FAMILY ENJOYING LUNCH TOGETHER

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST- 9/28/2025

CHILAO VISITOR CENTER



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 9/28/2025

LOCATION: Chilao Visitor Center, Angeles
National Forest, Palmdale, CA 93550

ACTIVITY: Interpretive Lesson, Guided Hike

TIME START: 8 AM

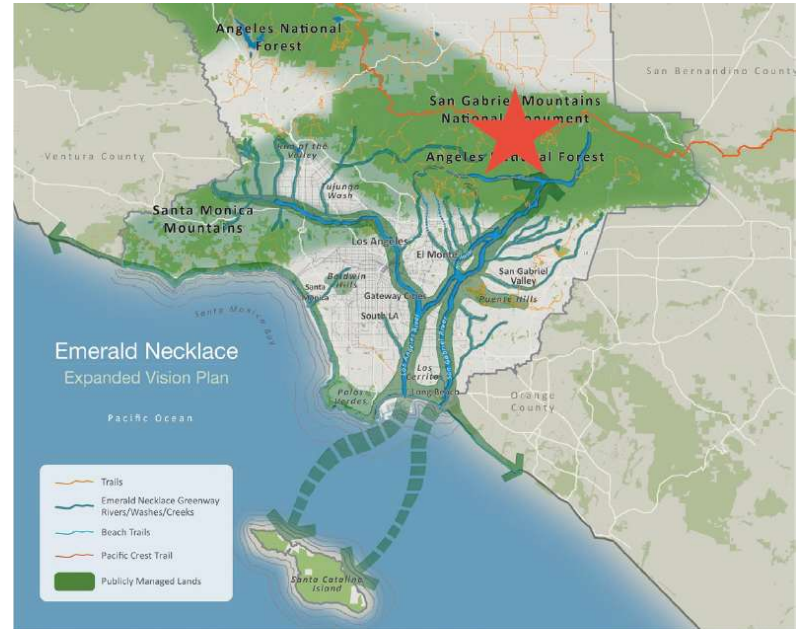
TIME END: 2 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: Forest Service Docent
Nellie Graham, 4 Amigos Staff

METRICS:

Total Participants: 15 participants

Zip Codes: 91731, 91732



MAP VIEW OF THE VISITOR CENTER

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

A geology and history lesson, and guided hike were arranged with Docent Nellie Graham in advance. Participants met at our community home base, Dorris Dann Kids Campus. Here breakfast, binoculars, hats, bugspray, and sunscreen were passed out before departure. Upon arrival participants explored the nature center exhibits. Docent Nellie began the geology and history lesson, with our staff giving lessons in Spanish. Participants learned about the rock features and wildlife they may see on their hike. After the educational lesson, Docent Nellie led a guided hike through a creek side trail around the nature center. After a guided hike participants enjoyed a group lunch before departing back to the community home base.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT:

We connected with participants through tabling at our community home base, Dorris Dann Kid Campus. We also promoted the event at community stewardship events, and La Madera Community Garden in El Monte.

LOGISTICS

Transportation: Bus

Transport Company: TTS

Transport Cost: \$1,329

Number of Staff Managing Event: 3 Amigos Staff

SUPPLIES

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, crossing signs, and bug spray.

Drinks and Food: We provided breakfast of fruit and granola bars upon arrival, as well as reusable water bottles for participants to keep. At lunch we served sandwiches, salad, cookies, fruit cups, chips, and juice.



FAMILY OF PARTICIPANTS

PHOTOS



PARTICIPANTS HUGGING TREE



PARTICIPANTS WITH PINECONE



PARTICIPANTS EXPLORING VISITOR CENTER



PARTICIPANT WITH TAXIDERMY BEAR

PHOTOS



SIBLINGS WITH SMOKEY THE BEAR



PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING BILINGUE LESSON



PARTICIPANTS VIEWING AERIAL TOPOGRAPHY MAP



PARTICIPANT ON HIKE

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST- 11/9/2025

MOUNT BALDY VISITOR CENTER



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 11/9/2025

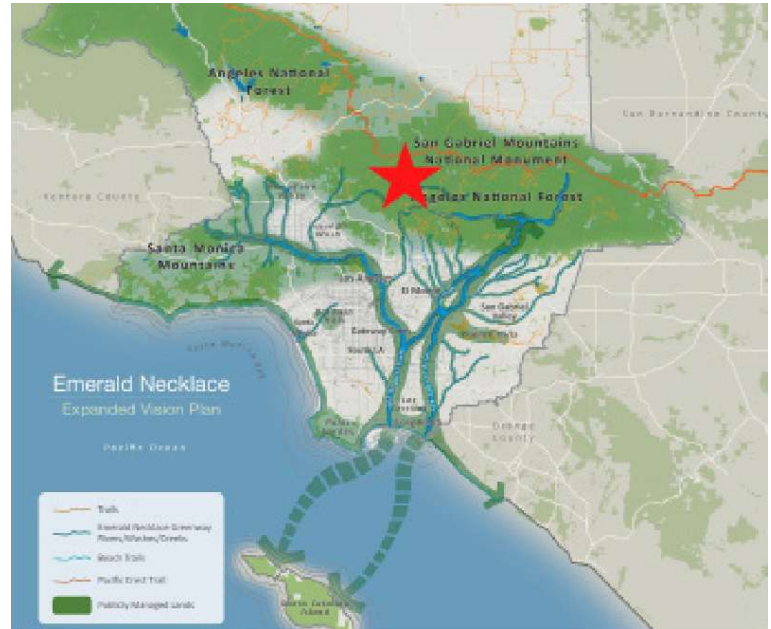
LOCATION: Mount Baldy Visitor Center, 6778
Mount Baldy Rd, Mount Baldy CA 91759

ACTIVITY: Forest Stewardship, Educational
Hike, Visitor Center

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 2 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: San Gabriel Heritage
Foundation Educator Marian Coensgen, 2
Amigos Staff, 2 California Climate Action Corp
Fellows



MAP VIEW OF THE VISITOR CENTER

METRICS:

Total Participants: 43

Zip Codes: 91732, 91770, 91780, 91776, 91754

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

We picked up Rosemead Highschool Ecology Club by bus and headed to Mount Baldy Visitor Center. There we were greeted by Forest Educators and given a brief historical lesson of the area, and the threats the area faces. The participants removed invasive trees of heaven from the waterfront, and planted native oak trees in its place. After completing their service tasks, participants had a group lunch. After lunch participants enjoyed exploring the visitor center before departure.

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RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

We connected with Rosemead Ecology Club at our Community Stewardship Events.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: Bus

Transport Company: TTS

Transport Cost: \$2,071.68

Number of Staff Managing Event: 2 Amigos Staff, 2 California Climate Action Corp Fellows

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, and bug spray. We provided gloves and shovels for service work.

Drinks and Food: We offered reusable water bottles, bananas and granola bars to the participants before departure. At lunch we provided wraps, chips, fruit, veggies, and juice.



PHOTOS



TEAM GROUP PHOTO.



PARTICIPANT HOLDING COULTER PINE CONE



TEAMMATES SUNSCREENING EACH OTHER



PARTICIPANTS RUNNING FOR TRAINING

PHOTOS



“OUR MEMBERS ENJOYED THE ENGAGING SERVICE OF PLANTING OUR OWN TREES AND REMOVING THE INVASIVE TREE OF HEAVENS, WHILE TAKING IN THE BEAUTIFUL NATURE SCENERY THAT SURROUNDED US. IT WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE THAT BROUGHT US OUT TO SIGHTS THAT WE WOULD’VE NEVER KNOWN.”

- CHITOAN DOAN, ROSEMEAD HIGH SCHOOL ECOLOGY MEMBER

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST- 11/23/2025

SAN GABRIEL CANYON EDUCATION CENTER



INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 11/23/2025

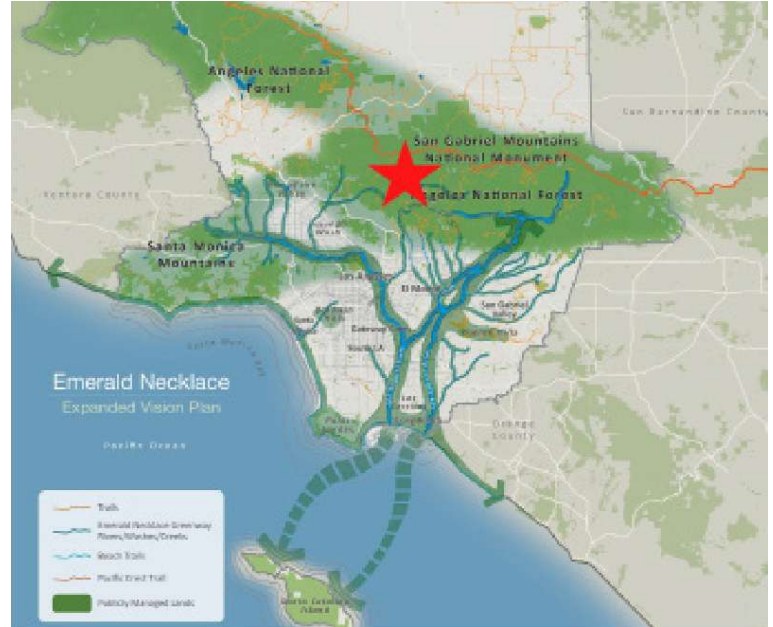
LOCATION: *San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center, Angeles National Forest*

ACTIVITY: *Forest Stewardship, Educational Hike*

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 2 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: *San Gabriel Heritage Foundation Educator Marian Coensgen, 2 Amigos Staff, 2 California Climate Action Corp Fellows*



MAP VIEW OF THE EDUCATION CENTER

METRICS:

Total Participants: 12

Zip Codes: 91732, 91770, 91732, 91733, 91776,

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

Participants met in El Monte where breakfast and supplies were given. We departed to San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center where we met educators upon arrival. Here participants received brief lessons on the history of the site, and the needs of the education center. Participants started their forest stewardship by collecting willow stems from along the river. After collecting, participants split into groups to work on painting educational display Tongva directional poles, and weaving educational display Tongva baskets. These educational tools will be used by forest educators for their programming. After their service work, participants enjoyed a group lunch and educational hike.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

Our Outdoor Equity Interns promoted this trip to their South El Monte High School service clubs.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: 2 rental vans

Transport Company: Enterprise and Avis

Transport Cost: 598.03 total

Number of Staff Managing Event: 2 Amigos Staff, 2 California Climate Action Corp Fellows

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, and bug spray. We provided gloves and shears for service work.

Drinks and Food: We offered reusable water bottles, bananas and muffins to the participants before departure. At lunch we provided wraps, chips, fruit, and juice.



PHOTOS



PARTICIPANT WEAVING BASKET



GROUP WEAVING BASKET



GROUP HARVESTING WILLOW STEMS



PARTICIPANTS PAINTING TONGVA DIRECTIONAL POLES

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST- 11/30/2025

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INFO SHEET

DATE OF TRIP: 11/30/2025

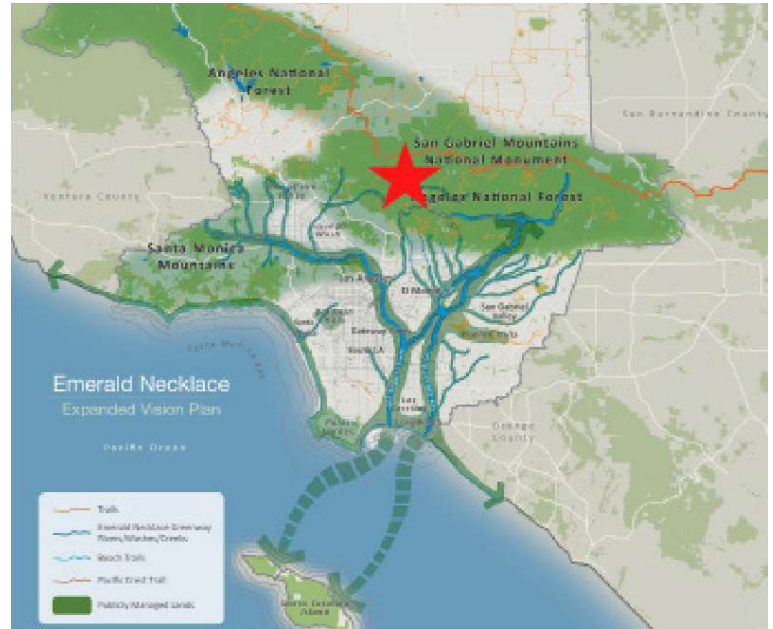
LOCATION: Gould Mesa, Angeles National Forest, 91011 CA

ACTIVITY: Educational Hike

TIME START: 8 AM

TIME END: 2 PM

LEADERS/GUIDES: 2 COFEM Staff, 3 Amigos Staff, 1 California Climate Action Corp Fellow



MAP VIEW OF THE TRAILHEAD ENTRANCE

METRICS:

Total Participants: 13

Zip Codes: 90280, 90057, 90302, 90255, 90017, 90047

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES:

For this collaboration trip, COFEM (Council of Mexican Federations in North America) brought participants in vans to meet Amigos de los Rios at Gould Mesa Trailhead. There we offered breakfast, binoculars, and nature guides. We had participants introduce themselves and discuss their relationships with nature. After introductions we hiked the trail for 2.5 hours, then had lunch at a resting spot along the creek. During the hike we stopped along the way to discuss plant identification, the San Gabriel Monument, and wildlife. After lunch we hiked back out and departed.

INFO SHEET

RECRUITMENT (WHERE AND HOW):

COFEM recruited participants from community interest forms.

LOGISTICS:

Transportation: 2 vans

Transport Cost: Covered by COFEM

Number of Staff Managing Event: 3 Amigos Staff, 1 California Climate Action Corp Fellows

SUPPLIES:

Safety: For safety supplies, we brought a backpack with a first aid kit, a list of participants, the schedule for the day, an iPad, a bear horn, whistles, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Drinks and Food: We offered reusable water bottles, bananas and muffins to the participants before departure. At lunch we provided wraps, chips, fruit, and juice.



PHOTOS



CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION CORP FELLOW GIVING
EDUCATIONAL PLANT ID



PARTICIPANT ENJOYING WATER CROSSING



SPANISH EDUCATIONAL GUIDES



PARTICIPANTS IN OAK GROVE