

EcoHelpers Pre-Visit Student Survey

Teacher

Name:

School

Name:

Date: _____

Dear Student,

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions about your upcoming field trip to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and your participation in the EcoHelpers Program. This is not a test and it should take you about 20 minutes to complete this survey.

The next three questions we will ask you about the types of parks or outdoor areas you and your family may visit. There are three types:

1.State or Local Parks – these are places that may be close to your home and you might go there to have a picnic

1. How often do you and your family visit state or local parks in the Santa Monica Mountains?

- More than 10 times per year
- 5-10 times per year
- 1-5 times per year
- Never

2. How often do you and your family spend time out in natural areas (at the park, beach, lake or in the mountains)?

- More than 10 times per year
- 5-10 times per year
- 1-5 times per year
- Never

3. Have you and your family visited national parks in California or in other States (for example, Federally Managed Parks like Yosemite, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and not state or local parks)?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I'm excited about the EcoHelpers field trip.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I have learned about the Santa Monica Mountains in school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I have learned about climate change in school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have a good understanding of "ecology," (the connections between plants and animals, and how food chains and food webs work).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I want to visit and explore national parks with my family/friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I would like to visit many parks in the Santa Monica Mountains.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I have learned about Southern California native plants and animals in school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I have learned about invasive plants and animals, and the impact they can have on the local environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I am aware of how humans influence the natural environment in Southern California.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I understand how plant restoration helps the ecosystem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I want to learn more about natural science (wildlife, plants, ecology).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I like hiking and other outdoor activities in natural areas (fishing, camping).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I understand why we should protect national parks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I want to help protect national parks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I am interested in working or volunteering for the National Park Service someday.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I have always been very interested in nature.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I often visit natural areas like parks and beaches for recreation and fun.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I often go hiking in natural areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EcoHelpers Content Questions

Please select true or false for each of the statements below (Circle T for True and F for False)

T / F Restoring natural habitat improves food and shelter for wildlife.

T / F Small animals are at the base of all food chains.

T / F Individual people can take action to reduce greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

T / F Non-native, invasive plants may outcompete native plants, causing an imbalance of species and low biodiversity.

T / F Invasive weeds always provide good food and shelter for wildlife.

Check all statements below that you believe are true

We can help slow the rate of climate change by:

- Recycling
- Using less electricity
- Burning more gasoline
- Riding bikes
- Carpooling

Which of these may contribute to the loss of biodiversity?

- Climate change / global warming
- Restoration projects
- Invasive plants and animals

Now tell us a little about yourself:

1. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

2. How old are you?

- 15 years old (or younger than 15)
- 16 years old
- 17 years old
- 18 years old (or older than 18)

3. What grade are you in?

- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No

4. Please select your race (check as many as apply):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- White

5. My first language is English.

- Yes
- No - please indicate your first language: _____

6. My English language reading and writing skills are:

- Very Good
- Good
- Average
- Below Average

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