

CANYON CREEK OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

Canyon Creek is an 83-acre outdoor education center located in the city of Lake Hughes adjacent to Angeles National Forest. Canyon Creek is Los Angeles Unified's third and largest overnight outdoor education science camp for students.

The center offers student activities that are designed to maximize the venue's unique features, including a small pond, hiking trails, a swimming pool, a ropes challenge course, sports facilities, a bicycle track, archery, and an outdoor amphitheater.



DAY OF DISCOVERY

The *Day of Discovery* (DoD) is a single-day field study program provided by the District in collaboration with community partners at various sites. DoD experiences occur during the regular instructional day and provide field study investigations for students in grades K-12. These experiences embed outdoor education concepts and social-emotional learning strategies into NGSS-aligned lessons, allowing students to apply real-world science practices to current environmental issues.

The *Skyhook Eco Van* is a traveling science program that offers hands-on outdoor learning opportunities at individual school sites for students in grades K-6. The curriculum is based on the Earth's four systems—atmosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere—and provides real-world field study experiences for students.



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OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: Ensuring students have access to expanded learning opportunities in a safe and supportive environment that offers high-quality academic, enrichment, and recreation programs to motivate them to reach their full potential.

Vision: Outdoor and Environmental Education will be a model program by ensuring access to opportunities that address educational inequities by providing experiences and activities that students desire and support the graduation of ALL students ready for the world.

The Outdoor Education programs align with the District's Strategic Plan and contribute to the overall goal of ensuring academic excellence by providing enriching experiences through outdoor and nature-based activities. Pillar 2 of the Strategic Plan, Joy and Wellness, is intentionally emphasized by providing engaging academic experiences where students feel safe, welcome, and excited to learn.

WHAT IS OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION?

The Outdoor and Environmental Education (OEE) program offers an immersive science experience for Los Angeles Unified students by providing hands-on outdoor learning that brings the classroom to life. Outdoor learning spaces are leveraged to provide a welcoming environment that enables staff to integrate social-emotional learning and development into the outdoor education instructional framework.

These transformational programs provide student-centered instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) while embedding English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Environmental Literacy concepts into real-world field study experiences.

Our Outdoor Education programs are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), Environmental Principles and Concepts (EP&Cs), as well as NASA's Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) protocols.



CLEAR CREEK OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

Clear Creek is a 40-acre outdoor education center located above the La Cañada/Flintridge area in Angeles National Forest. One of the oldest outdoor education centers in the nation, Clear Creek began as a reforestation project in 1919 and transitioned into a District outdoor education center in 1924.

The creek and trails afford the opportunity to conduct field studies to determine the health and vitality of the site's three ecosystems—alpine, riparian, and chaparral. The *Night Sky Study* curriculum allows students to understand the Earth's place in the galaxy and determine the importance of natural systems that make life possible. All field studies apply scientific protocols and concepts. Learning in real-world environments offers experiences that delineate how Earth systems interact and how humans affect our collective existence.

POINT FERMIN OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

Point Fermin is a 2.5-acre outdoor education center located on the San Pedro peninsula. This seaside venue shares all the wonders of the California coast with students.

The *Science at Sea* program allows students to transform a Brigantine Tall Ship into a research vessel. Ocean acidification studies onboard Tall Ships or the nearby *Salinas de San Pedro* (estuary) help students understand the human effect on the environment. Using scientific protocols, students understand the discipline, consistency, and teamwork needed to collect reliable firsthand data to understand the human impact on marine ecosystems.