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You can change a child's life

Children are constantly learning how to make important decisions that affect their lives. Our own children are lucky—they attend good schools, and travel beyond their safe neighborhoods to visit other places. Children of poverty must also make important decisions in their lives, however, they do not have the opportunities necessary to expand their horizons that our children have.

In California, there are **over one million children (1 in 5)** whose families have so little money that they have **never** traveled beyond their often unsafe neighborhoods. Many have never seen the ocean, much less gone to the mountains to see forests, lakes, and wildlife.

Statistics reveal that one quarter of renter households (1 million out of 4.1 million) in California's metropolitan areas spend over 50% of their income on rent. This situation leaves little money left over for necessities such as food, clothing, and medical care, let alone child development opportunities.

The Wildlands Conservancy's (TWC's) award-winning outdoor education programs take these children out of their confined, and often dangerous neighborhoods, and provides them with a safe, natural learning environment that most have never seen. TWC's Southern California Preserves, where the outdoor education programs are held, create a backdrop for a unique and positive learning experience. After participating (at no cost) in an outdoor education program, the children return home with a new understanding of their place in this world and they are better prepared to make important decisions because their horizons have been expanded.

This school year TWC will provide three to five hour outdoor education programs to **more than 20,000 disadvantaged children** throughout Southern California. These children join over 300,000 others that have participated in one of TWC's **free outdoor education programs**, which has been for many a once in a lifetime experience.

We need your help to keep doing this. FUNdKIDS raises money from people and organizations like yours to support TWC's outdoor education programs for disadvantaged children. Unlike other nonprofit programs, 100% of your FUNdKIDS donation goes directly to support the disadvantaged children's programs. **How many children will you help?**

Turn this page over to find out how you can help



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YOUR DONATION can help change a child's life

There are many ways you can make a donation to support The Wildlands Conservancy's outdoor education programs. Making a cash donation will supply immediate funds to support these important programs. **To make a cash donation:**

- Go to TWC's online donation page at www.WildlandsConservancy.org.
- Mail a check made payable to The Wildlands Conservancy to
39611 Oak Glen Road, Box 12
Oak Glen, CA 92399
- Call TWC's Executive Office at (909) 797-8507 to make a donation by phone.

The Wildlands Conservancy also accepts real estate donations. With an annual outdoor education program budget of \$467,000, a real estate donation can make a significant impact by helping to support current programs, and also allowing TWC to expand their programs in an effort to reach more disadvantaged children. **To make a real estate donation:**

- Contact TWC's Acquisitions and Project Manager, Dana Rochat, at (909) 797-8507 or dana.r@twc-ca.org.

Other gifts made in support of TWC's outdoor education programs can also be made. **To find out more about making a planned gift through your estate, a gift of stock, or naming opportunities through endowment:**

- Contact TWC's Legacy Director, Sara Seburn, at (909) 797-8507 or sara.s@twc-ca.org, or Paul Melzer, Mission Advancement, at (909) 797-8507 or paul.m@twc-ca.org

The background photo illustrates The Wildlands Conservancy's BEHOLD THE BEAUTY program at Oak Glen Preserve. The program is designed to encourage children to find and frame the beauty of the natural world wherever they are.

Note: all of our outdoor facilities are open to the public free of charge for hiking, tent camping (select locations), and other passive recreation.



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Please Note:

We do not solicit donations via telephone.

The decision to donate to The Wildlands Conservancy/FUNdKIDS can be made by you pressure-free.

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The Wildlands Conservancy Featuring California's Largest Preserve System

The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) owns and operates California's largest nonprofit nature preserve system. This preserve system includes 12 magnificent landscapes spanning over 145,000 acres of diverse mountain, valley, desert, river and ocean front properties.

Over the past decade, there has been a growing demand for nonprofit organizations to become land stewards and for more individuals to become citizen conservationists, docents, and restoration volunteers. The Wildlands Conservancy's overarching goal is to call people back to the beauty, wonder, and inspiration of the natural world and to encourage people to be participants in saving our magnificent landscapes and restoring California's rich biological diversity. Since incorporating in 1995, The Wildlands Conservancy has continued to expand its model of land based conservation through our nonprofit preserve system. This system now includes:

- ❖ The west coast's largest nonprofit-owned preserve at Wind Wolves;
- ❖ California's largest nonprofit-owned wilderness at Pioneertown Mountains Preserve;
- ❖ California's longest stretch of nonprofit-owned coastline at Sounding Seas Beach Reserve;
- ❖ The largest nonprofit owned river estuary at Eel River Estuary Preserve.

What is most remarkable is that these preserves are being purchased and restored through private donations and opened for the public to use without charge with national park quality facilities. TWC has also preserved more land in California than any nonprofit organization that is not subsidized with government monies. Saving land means educating and instilling a love for nature in the next generation. This is why TWC is one of California's leaders in providing free outdoor education programs to disadvantaged school children. Through our youth and family programs, and by a reverent stewardship of our preserves, we foster respect for all life forms and advocacy for preserving the beauty and biodiversity of the earth.

For more information about The Wildlands Conservancy, visit our website at www.wildlandsconservancy.org or contact a TWC staff member listed on the back of this page



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All preserves are open to the public free of charge for hiking and access to adjacent wilderness areas. Camping is available at Mission Creek, Oak Glen, Whitewater, and Wind Wolves Preserves. Preserves with limited access have few to no facilities; please call for information.

Bearpaw Reserve*
Forest Falls, CA
580 acres

Doug Chudy
Preserve Manager
doug.c@twc-ca.org
(909) 790-3698

Mariposa Reserve*
Orange County, CA
897 acres

Dana Rochat
Acquisitions and Projects Manager
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Spyrock Reserve*
Mendocino County, CA
5880 acres

Dan York
Associate Director
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Bluff Lake Reserve*
Big Bear City, CA
80 acres

Doug Chudy
Preserve Manager
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Mission Creek Preserve
Desert Hot Springs, CA
4760 acres

April Sall
Preserve Manager / Conservation
Director
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(760) 369-7105

Whitewater Preserve
Whitewater, CA
2800 acres

Jack Thompson
Preserve Manager
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Eel River Estuary Preserve*
Humboldt County, CA
1100 acres

Dan York
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David Erickson
Preserve Manager
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Oak Glen Preserve
Oak Glen, CA
2170 acres

Doug Chudy
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Wind Wolves Preserve
Kern County, CA
95,000 acres

Dan York
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Sherryl Clendenen
Outdoor Education Coordinator
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Jenner Headlands Project*
Sonoma County, CA
5630 acres

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Brook Edwards
Preserve Manager
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Pioneertown Mountains Preserve
Pioneertown, CA
25500 acres

Irving and Jean Stone
Sounding Seas Beach Reserve*
Humboldt County, CA
80 acres

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*Limited access, call for information



A nice bouquet of color at Wind Wolves Preserve. (Photo by [Tom Hilton](#) via Flickr)

WIND WOLVES PRESERVE

Wildflowers in bloom or not, this is one of my favorite canyon hikes. Wind Wolves Preserve in Kern County is private open space operated by the Wildlands Conservancy, the group behind the massive lands donation that helped enable President Obama to [establish Mojave Trails National Monument](#). The 95,000-acre preserve's main topographic feature is the wide San Emigdio Canyon ([it's stunning](#)), which can lead you some 6,000 feet up into eastern reaches of Los Padres National Forest. This is a great spot for camping and wildlife viewing. On a sunrise hike once, I saw [my very first bobcat](#) in the wild. There are also tule elk, kit foxes, and, if you're really lucky, mountain lions and bears. As for wildflowers, a good year can beget quite the bouquet: look out for monolopia, red maids, bloodroots, purple phacelia, blue-eyed gilia, wild hyacinth, grape sode lupine, and, of course, poppies.

[Wind Wolves Preserve](#), 16019 Maricopa Highway, Kern County

