Nature Area Overview

MARCH 2016
Nature Area Fund Balance: 355,000.00

Interest earned yearly 1,100.00 on average
Operation Costs

- Nature Area Seed Funds: $1,500.00
- Grounds Maintenance – Dan Burke, and Howard Heimke: $2,000.00
- Projects
  - Stage Project: $21,000.00
    - ADA Compliance/Access Ramps: $10,000.00
  - Safe Use
    - Low Maintenance: $5,500.00
    - New 200 AMP Electrical Panel: $2,900.00
    - New Theatrical Lighting: $3,700.00
  - Parking Lot/ADA Compliance: TBA
  - Bathrooms: TBA
  - Education Center: TBA
Vision for the Nature Area
CURRENT FINANCIAL SOURCES FOR NATURE AREA MAINTENANCE

1. GENERAL BLACK OAK MINE FACILITIES FUND
2. USE OF NATURE AREA FUND “INTEREST ONLY”
3. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HELP – CALFIRE, CCC CAMP AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
Revenue Options:
Nature Fest
Weddings
Family Reunions
Education Center for Field Trips
Promote and Expand

Education
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Native American History
California Gold History
Natural Sciences
Dennis Yonemura, Miwuk Singer, Rick Adams, Nisenan Cultural Specialist and Miwuk Dancers

Rick Adams Neena McNair Family Singers
Miwuk Dancers
LOCAL HERITAGE
COUNCIL’S FIRE CIRCLE
CALIFORNIA GOLD HISTORY EDUCATION
ECOLOGY EDUCATION
TREE AND VEGETATION EDUCATION
WETLANDS EDUCATION
Projects for the Nature Area

- Stage Area
- Parking Lot
- New Bathrooms
- Education Center
Stage Area
PARKING LOT
BATHROOMS
Bathrooms

Example of:

- Utility / Concession
- Vault
EDUCATION CENTER
PATHWAY TO NATURE AREA WITH EDUCATION CENTER IN BACKGROUND
EDUCATIONAL STORARGE
BEGINNING OF DISK GOLF COURSE
BBQ and Picnic Area
Welcome!

The Sly Park Environmental Education Center provides unforgettable outdoor science-learning experiences to our local elementary students each year. We invite you to visit us in the Interstate National Forest to enjoy our:

- Environmental Education programs of our Outdoor Science School -- workshops and weekend programs that focus on science, art, and nature!
- 4th Grade California history program based on local natural history and geography, including Park Creek trails and the Native American Interpretive Center.
- Youth building program that includes skiing, shelter construction, and challenge activities.

Looking for facilities rental? Check out our Conference Center and contact us for availability.

Choose Friends of Sly Park as your AmazonSmile charitable organization.

Before You Come

For Parents & Students
Get into Sly Park! Expect special prices, detailed site information, downloadable handouts, and more.

For Visiting Teachers
Prep everything you need to prepare for your visit. From forms to curriculum ideas to Sly Park stories and more.

Get Your Sly Park Slideshow
Customize a slideshow of your own Sly Park visit. Donors receive the "Friends of Sly Park" Student Scholarship Fund.

After Your Visit

Sacramento County
Environmental Education Activities

Animal Room
Students can visit our Sly Park wildlife, birds, and bugs in the Animal Room, or view our native birds in the raptor center. They can touch and handle animals, learn about their habitats, and view some of our animal collection of birds, reptiles, and invertebrates (e.g., fish, invertebrates). Science students can also participate in hands-on activities and learn about animals and their adaptations.

Arts and Crafts
Make your own Sly Park trinket in our Arts & Crafts room. Students bring a kit and we teach them how to make our unique: Sly Park “Gizmo” or our ever-changing current year design on it. Maybe you’ll make a Sly Park dream catcher, flowering episcia in the raised garden, etc.

Astronomy
The dark sky nights at Sly Park allow us to have fantastic views of planets, stars, and the Moon. Every time you pass in our observatory, you can look at the stars and the Moons. Ask your teacher to get some ideas on the night sky. Find out more about stargazing at Sly Park in our Astronomy page.

Climbing Wall and Team Building
Students at Sly Park have the exciting opportunity to scale our 22-foot indoor climbing wall. Check out the Climbing Wall page for a rundown on this exciting challenge, as well as info on our Team Building Activities.

Jenkins Lake
The Lake area is a beautiful bluegrass, mountain meadow. The Lake area is a great place to relax and enjoy nature. Check out the Jenkins Lake page for more information.

Manzanita Hill
The Mitzuza Ridge hike is a great way to experience nature in its natural beauty. You can spot wildflowers, butterflies, and other wildlife. Check out the Manzanita Hill page for more information.

Native American Interpretive Center
Native American games and storytelling give students an opportunity to experience what Native American life was like hundreds of years ago. Check out our Native American Interpretive Center page for more information.
Things to Know before Your Visit

Welcome, teachers, to an educational adventure that lasts a lifetime, and thank you for bringing your students to Sly Park. Take a hike through the meadows, catch a glimpse of the lakes, and experience the wonder of nature. Sly Park is a place where memories are made. But before you plan your trip to Sly Park, there are a few things you need to know.

1. **Visitor Teacher Guide to Sly Park**
2. **Student Registration Form**
3. **Waiver Authorization Form**
4. **Sly Park Student Journal**
5. **CC Curriculum**
6. **California State Learning Standards**
7. Pre- and Post-Sly Park Lessons
   - Pre Sly Park - Create a Collage Activity
   - Pre Sly Park - History Transfer Activity
   - Pre Sly Park - Describing Earth's Surface Activity
   - Pre Sly Park - What Am I Made Of Activity
   - Post Sly Park - Facts, Fun, Wooly Mole
   - Post Sly Park - Import Eco Web Activity
   - Post Sly Park - Our Expanding Population Activity
8. Sly Park evaluation assessment (pre-survey)
9. Sly Park Student Assessment (Post-survey)
   - When you return from Sly Park, please have your students fill out the Post-Survey. They can complete it at school or at home, just fill them out in this link. The information is being used to fine-tune our teaching strategies, and we appreciate your feedback. Thank you!
10. FODP Slideshow Download
    - Teachers, please remind students to download the slideshow from this week at Sly Park.
11. Sly Park Songwriting Form
12. Sly Park Order Form
13. Teacher Summary Form

Teachers returning to Sly Park can relieve the adventures they had as students visiting for the first time.
About Sly Park

Sly Park Environmental Education Center is run by the Sacramento County Office of Education and is certified by the California Outdoor School Association.

Sly Park Environmental Education Center was founded in 1970 as a partnership between the US Forest Service and the Sacramento County Office of Education. Read the history announcement of its inception, published June, 1970.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to keep up with the exciting activities taking place at Sly Park Environmental Education Center.

Sly Park Environmental Education Center is a permittee of the Eldorado National Forest. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Here are a few additional USFS resources:

- Forest Service Web
- Background Resources for Teachers
- Google Earth for Conservation
- Education Resources for Elementary School

Note: For information on the Sly Park Recreation Area (a separate entity from the Sly Park Environmental Education Center), please visit their [Website](#).
Nature Area Commitment

- BOMUSD - Education Growth and Expansion
- Community Involvement For:
  - Preservation of nature
  - Protect our local heritage and culture
  - Maintenance and upkeep of trails and teaching areas
  - Self sustaining financial revenue streams
  - Promotion of Georgetown Divide and BOMUSD as a Great place to live and raise children!