



2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

School Garden Network is dedicated to growing healthy students, families, schools, and communities through garden-based education. We work in collaboration with federal and state agencies and local organizations, businesses and individuals, to facilitate and implement edible and native habitat gardens at schools, lead school garden programming, and provide professional development workshops and ongoing resources for educators.

SGN serves as a network for local community resilience, providing over 20,000 students with access to immersive garden spaces on their campuses. These gardens break down barriers to fresh food access and inspire healthy food habits, enhance habitat for wildlife, teach ecological literacy and stewardship, and provide a space for students to feel a sense of empowerment, connection, and joy.

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SCHOOLYARD HABITAT

The Schoolyard Habitat Program mentors students and teachers to create wildlife habitats on campuses which provide equal access to students of all ages, outdoor classrooms for field study and observation, ecological stewardship among students, and professional development training for educators. Grantee schools receive technical consultation, native infill plants, garden supplies and irrigation, construction, and on-site weeding support. This program also actively supports Gold Ridge RCD's Monarch Recovery Program.

Impacts:

- 400+ native plants were installed, including locally-adapted milkweed grown by the Laguna Foundation de Santa Rosa Native Plant Nursery
- 250 hours of on-site mentorship and technical assistance were provided to support 13 existing sites, and to establish 2 new habitat projects on school campuses
- 31 educators from 17 schools attended a day-long workshop on Botanical Arts in the School Garden at the Fibershed Learning Center
- 4,000+ students benefit from schoolyard habitat projects in Sonoma County



GROW KITS

SGN works with local farmers to curate and distribute seasonal provisions of plants, seeds and garden supplies to school gardens to ensure high output gardens and a continuous harvest of nutritious foods throughout the school year.

Impacts:

- 95 Grow Kits
- 65 Schools
- 15,000 Student





FARM-TO-SCHOOL

SGN works with community partners to support disadvantaged school communities and enhance their garden programs by providing technical assistance, curriculum development, Harvest of the Month lessons, cooking and tasting demonstrations, and effective garden management practices.

Impacts:

- 4,600 students at 10 grantee schools
- 400 hours of direct mentorship and technical assistance, including garden improvements and drip irrigation systems
- 160 Harvest of the Month (HOTM) lessons were shared, featuring 10 crops and dozens of resources
- 45 educators attended 2 workshops: Soil Health and Composting & Cooking from the Garden
- 40+ Local Sonoma County grown farmers grew HOTM produce

GARDEN CAMP

SGN hosts an outdoor adventure Garden Camp, that fully immerses campers in beautiful garden spaces and wilderness to explore. With a focus on fostering connections with nature, as well as independence and knowledge around cooking and food systems, SGN Garden Camp includes a diverse range of activities including:

- Camp Songs
 - Games
 - Natural Tie Dye
 - Scavenger hunts
 - Puzzling Mind Maps
 - Gardening & Food Preparation
 - Solar Energy Art & Cooking
 - Herbal Crafts & Medicine Making
 - Art Projects
 - Nature Journaling
- And so much more!***

Impacts:

- 76 Campers
- 15 Scholarships



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