



2023 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The School Garden Network is on a mission to grow healthy students, families, schools, and communities through garden-based education. Since our inception in 2005, SGN has disbursed over \$400,000 to enhance school gardens in Sonoma County. With 80+ schools in our network, our programs reach 22,000+ students annually.

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SCHOOLYARD HABITAT

Since 2012, SGN has mentored students and teachers in the creation of wildlife habitats on campuses, providing access to students of all ages.

- Design, install, and maintain wildlife habitat projects
- Use nature as a classroom for field study and observation
- Foster long term ecological stewardship in children
- Professional development training for teachers

Impacts:

- 6 new habitat project installations
- 3 previously installed projects received ongoing support
- 200 hours of mentorship and technical support
- 1,200 native plants were installed in school gardens
- 18 schools planted milkweed patches for monarch butterflies
- 30 educators from 15 schools attended SYH workshop
- 4,200+ students were reached

GROW KITS

SGN curates and distributes 3 seasonal Grow Kits filled with supplies and crops tailored for cooking and nutrition programs. Our initiative guarantees a continuous harvest of nutritious food throughout the school year.

Impacts:

- 82 grow kits were distributed
- 54 schools
- 14,100 students were reached





FARM-TO-SCHOOL

SGN works with community partners to create pathways for healthy local food to reach our schools. We support disadvantaged school communities by providing technical assistance to enhance garden infrastructure. Our support includes curriculum development, nutrition education, cooking demonstrations, and effective garden management.

Impacts:

- 5 grantee schools reach 2,918 students
- 100 hours of direct mentorship and technical assistance were provided in fall 2023
- 19 educators attended our Cooking from the Garden workshop in August 2023
- 4 Harvest of the Month lessons and recipes have been shared and demonstrated in fall 2023
- Local Sonoma County grown food is being procured for HOTM lessons

GARDEN CAMP

SGN hosts an immersive summer camp experience for children and teens that encourages play, exploration, leadership, and project-based learning.

- Games & song
- Gardening & food preparation
- Cooking in the solar oven
- Nature journaling
- Art
- Natural dyeing & weaving
- Bird house building
- Herbal crafts & medicine making
- Wood carving

Impacts:

- 90 children attended camp
- 24 scholarships were given



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