



Water and Energy Education Newsletter

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Hello Teachers,

We hope your school year is off to a great start! See below for educational opportunities and important dates from Sonoma Water.

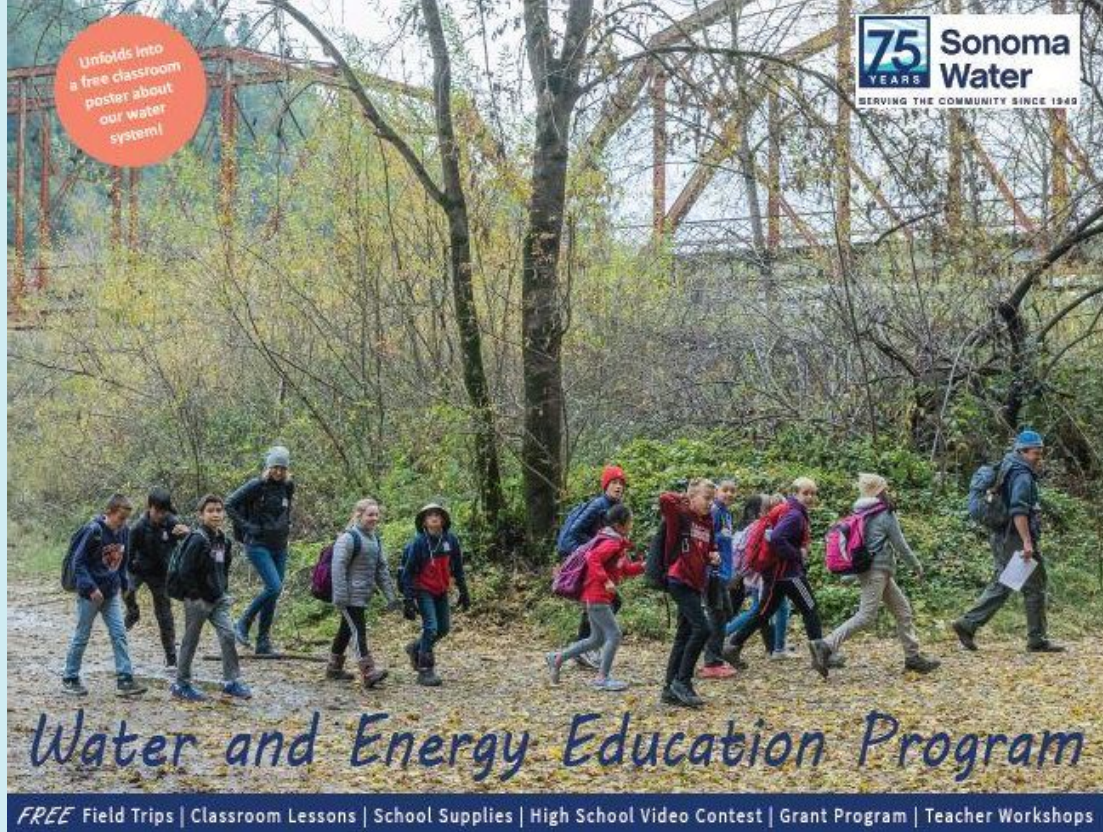
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We look forward to working together to teach students about the science of our natural world and inspire action to steward it. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to students in our community.

- The Water and Energy Education Team at Sonoma Water

Register for 2024-2025 Programs



Register for free, hands-on classroom lessons or field programs led by our enthusiastic educators. Topics range from our local water supply system to electricity and climate change. Will your students learn to test water for salmon health, or design a wind turbine to produce clean energy?

This year we offer in-class lessons for the following grades: TK-K, 3, 5, 6-8, 9-12

Please note the 4th grade and drought programs are on pause this year.

Don't see your grade level?

- Check out our [free school supplies](#) program for workbooks, posters, pencils and more to keep your classroom connected to our water and energy systems.
- Elementary teachers, schedule a lively, participatory, and multilingual [assembly about water](#) from ZunZun.
- Keep an eye out for [Steelhead in the Classroom](#) opportunities this winter.

Programs fill quickly, so register soon!

Register for Programs

Grant Opportunity: A Call to Action

Apply by October 16, 2024

A CALL TO ACTION

Small grants for students and teachers



Grants from \$100 to \$1,000 are available for stewardship projects carried out by teachers and their students. Do you see a problem related to water or climate change? Find a solution and make it happen. We want to support you in making a positive difference in your community.

Apply by October 16, 2024



www.SonomaWater.org/ACallToAction

Learn More and Apply for a Grant

Russian River Watershed Cleanup Day

September 21, 2024



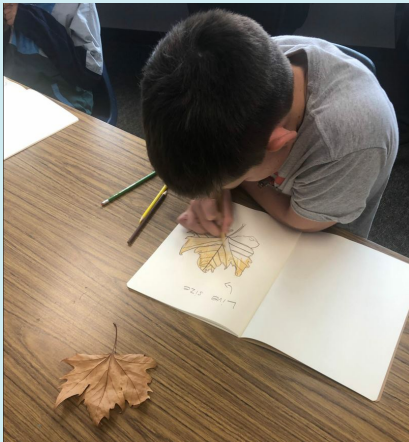
Looking for ways you and your students can care for the Russian River? Individuals and families are welcome to register for a beach cleanup on Saturday, September 21, as part of the 38th Annual Russian River Watershed Cleanup. Multiple locations are available: find one that's convenient for you or choose your favorite spot along the river!

Trash bags and pickers are provided by Russian Riverkeeper, and all volunteers get a special commemorative t-shirt.

Removing trash from our waterways in September, ahead of winter rains, is a critical opportunity to prevent waste from flowing downriver and into the ocean during storms.

We look forward to seeing you out there!

Register for a Cleanup



Bring Nature into Your Classroom with a Drawing Activity

As the seasons change, there is no better time to connect your students with the outdoors.

In this nature journaling activity called **To Each its Own**, your students will slow down, make observations, practice creating accurate drawings, and learn a new way of communicating information. This activity was developed by environmental educators John Muir Laws and Emilie Lygren, excerpted from the book *How to*

Teach Nature Journaling.

Best wishes for the new school year from the Water and Energy Education team!



From left to right: Jennifer Parra, Sarah Wickersham, Trisha Meisler, Eva Brown, Janeen Delsid, Audrey Fry, Monique Walker, Mayla Romano, David Berman

We are excited to announce the promotion of Sarah Wickersham to Principal Programs Specialist. Sarah will now lead the Water Education and Community Engagement Department at Sonoma Water.

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