



Water and Energy Education Newsletter

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Dear Teachers,

We're excited to kick off another inspiring school year with the **Water and Energy Education Program** at Sonoma Water! These programs help students and teachers explore the vital role of water and energy in our daily lives.

From hands-on classroom visits and engaging field trips to teacher workshops, student contests, school supplies, and grant opportunities — we're here to support environmental learning through fun, inquiry-based experiences.

Let's make this year one of discovery, stewardship, and science!

In this newsletter:

- **Register for free Sonoma Water Programs** – grades TK/K, 3, 5, 6-8, 9-12
- **Grant Opportunity: A Call to Action** – up to \$1,000 for environmental projects
- **Steelhead School Tours** – register soon for all grades starting January 2026
- **Russian River Cleanup Day** – care for your favorite beach on September 20
- **Summer Climate Change Workshop** – thank you to all our participants!
- **Activity: Climate Emotions Wheel** – process emotions with colors and emojis

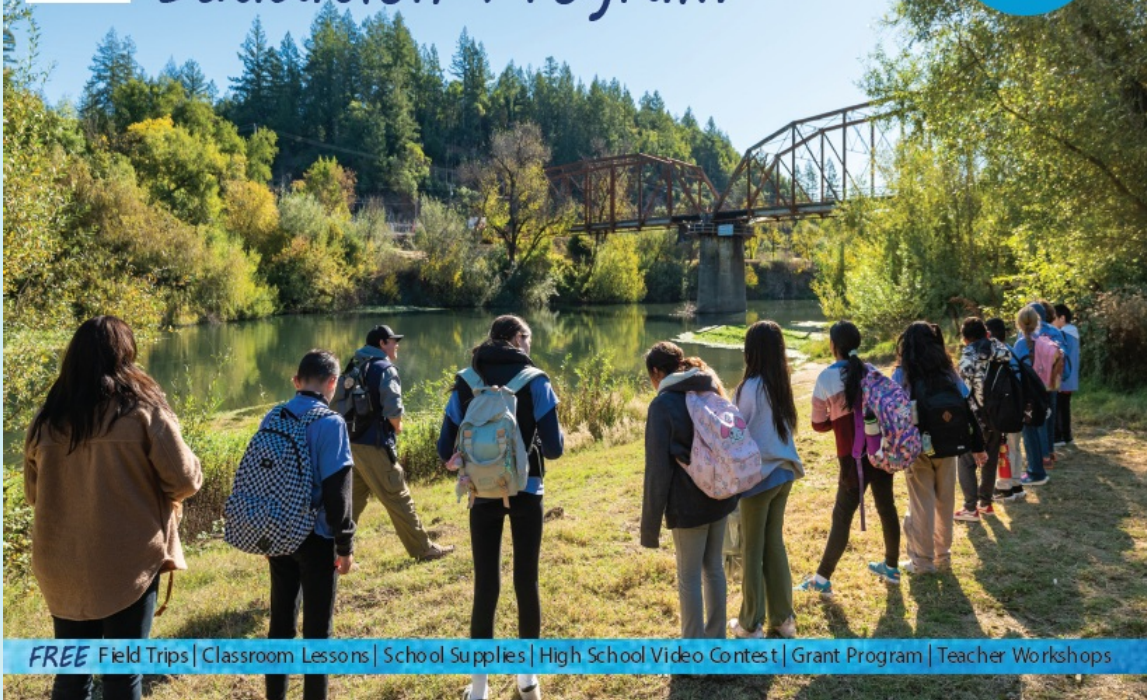
Look for our 2025-2026 Water and Energy Education brochures in your mailbox soon

Use the link below to register



Water and Energy Education Program

Unfold to see the Russian River watershed and learn more about our 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?

We offer programs for grades **TK-K, 3, 5, 6-8, 9-12**.

6th grade teachers: our hands-on [drought lesson](#) is back 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.
- Schedule a [Steelhead School Tour](#) at Lake Sonoma. More info below!
- Elementary teachers: schedule a lively, participatory, multilingual [assembly about water](#) from ZunZun.

Programs fill quickly, so register soon!

Register for Water Education programs

Grant: A Call to Action



A Call to Action is a small grant program for teachers and their students to take on solution-focused projects related to water or climate change in their schools or neighborhoods. With this program, we hope to inspire a sense of ownership and hopefulness in students as they work together to make a positive impact. Grants range from \$100 to \$1000.

Applications due October 15, 2025

[Learn more and apply for a grant](#)

Steelhead School Tours at Lake Sonoma



This 90-minute guided tour of the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery begins at the Lake Sonoma Visitor Center. This is a collaborative partnership between the Sonoma Water Education team and United States Army Corps of Engineer volunteers. This tour is a fun and engaging complement to the Steelhead in the Classroom program and suitable for all grade levels!

Registration opens September 2, 2025

[Learn more about Steelhead School Tours](#)

Russian River Watershed Cleanup Day



Looking for ways you and your students can care for our water source, the Russian River? Individuals and families are welcome to register for a beach cleanup on Saturday, September 20, as part of the 39th Annual Russian River Watershed Cleanup. Multiple locations available.

All volunteers get a special commemorative t-shirt! Gloves, pickers, and trash bags are provided.

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!

Sign up by September 17, 2025
Clean up on September 20, 2025

[Register for a cleanup location](#)

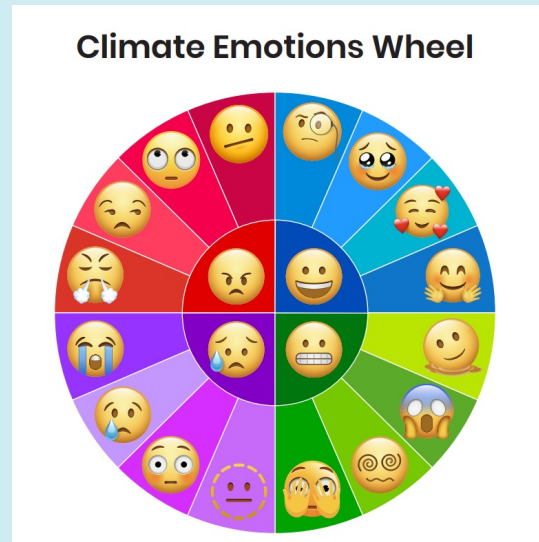
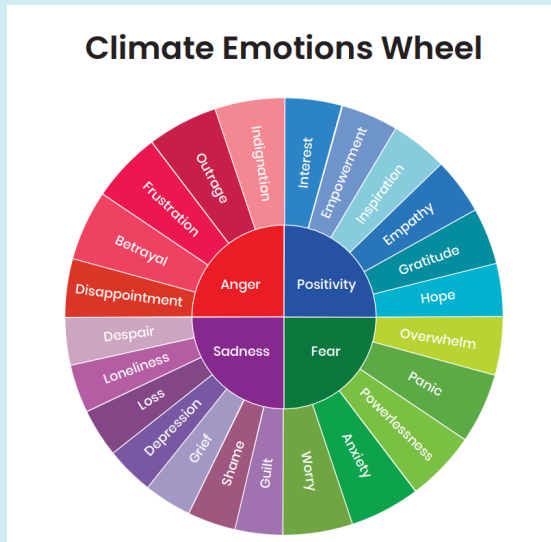
Summer 2025 Teacher Workshop Climate Resiliency in the North Bay



Thank you to the 23 teachers who made this year's climate workshop a success. We are grateful for your participation, as well as for the support of our community partner organizations, who provided memorable experiences and highlighted many of the local learning opportunities available to students for understanding climate change.

Planning ahead? Mark your calendar for our next Climate Resiliency in the North Bay Teacher Workshop in **June 2026**.

Climate Activity: Climate Emotions Wheel



Help students identify their emotions around climate change. Available in Spanish! This resource was created by the [Climate Mental Health Network](#) which has many engaging, evidence-based activities, guides, videos, zines, and more to support students and teachers.

Learn how to use the Climate Emotions Wheel

**Wishing you and your students a year of
curiosity and joy!**

-The Water and Energy Education Team



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