About Kids in Nature

The Kids in Nature (KIN) experiential education program offered by the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER) promotes the achievements of K-12 students in underserved local schools by providing quality, place-based, concept rich environmental science education that aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards and the Environmental Education Initiative (EEI). In the year-long program, UCSB undergraduate students are trained to teach and create new lesson plans through a cross-listed course entitled Nature and Science Education Practicum offered in the Biology and Environmental Science departments. The undergraduates encourage and inspire the next generation to continue learning through higher education.

Impact

- UCSB outreach program for 17 years
- In 2016 alone, served 750 K-12 students from 20 classes and 10 local schools
- Approximately 50 UCSB undergraduate students are enrolled in EEMB189/ES191 (Education Practicum taught by KIN staff in conjunction with the KIN program)

Locations

Arroyo Hondo Preserve, Coal Oil Point Reserve, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Sedgewick Reserve, Storke Wetlands, North Campus Open Space & UCSB Natural History Collections.

Supporting Broader Impacts for your project

- Provide experienced staff support for grant writing and implementation
- Designing lesson plans through our Nature and Science Education Practicum teacher training class
- Designing and facilitating a variety of K-12 educational experiences
- Implementing teacher training workshops
- Promotion and communication about outreach activities

..... all around your research topic

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