

John Muir Schootcher Coming Soon for Young Nature Lovers!

Youth Education Program to Share John Muir's Legacy and Expand Nature Appreciation

December 17, 2012, Coulterville, CA. The vision expands! The John Muir Geotourism Center has hired an expert at creating youth summer programs. With a grant to JMGC from the Graf-Pulvino Family Fund, JMGC will create a John Muir educational experience for youth. Brady Gill, Youth Program Consultant, has begun the planning process to create a unique and fulfilling program. The focus will be: How did John Muir see and experience his environment, analyze it and write about it? What can be learned from that hike he took so many years ago?

Brady comes to the Center with over 10 years of experience working with children in alternative education. He is inspired by John Muir and his role in the area's history and can't wait to share that story far and wide. With the collaboration of the local Youth Education Council he will be expanding the vision and details of the summer program. Council includes Evan Smith, retired principal of Coulterville-Greeley Hill School; Dr. Monty Thornberg, Principal of Coulterville High School; Marty Bacus, retired teacher; Lynn Breshears, retired teacher; and other local experts.

The program will coincide with the 4th Annual John Muir Festival, June 8, 2013. Brady is enthusiastic, "I am overjoyed to be joining the JMGC team. I have always been moved by Muir's words and actions and believe that they lay important groundwork when experiencing the beauty and magic of the Sierras. Together we will create an amazing educational experience for our youth that will help them truly be present and inspired by the nature around them."

Imagine hiking the same paths that John Muir hiked back in 1868 and seeing the same rocks, trees and plants that he wrote about in his journals. The youth will learn how to observe, appreciate and express their experience!!

Those interested in helping sponsor the program, please contact Executive Director, Debbie Cook at info@johnmuir.us.

If you have children that may be interested in a challenging program, please check in every month to learn of the program's progress at johnmuir.us/programs.

About JMGC

The John Muir Geotourism Center, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Coulterville, CA, was founded in January of 2012. It is dedicated to honoring the legacy of John Muir's contributions to U.S. and global conservation awareness and his scientific observations, love of nature and adventure. Launched to support and enlarge upon the John Muir Historic Route (J132) in 2010, the Center is committed to sharing this rich heritage through events, including the annual John Muir Festival, education programs, and nature and hiking programs with people of all ages. WWW.JOHNMUIR.US

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