

# Branching Out ESWP Program

## WHO?

Calling all **educators, scientists, and more!**

## WHAT?

Teach environmental outdoor education to local 5th graders!

## WHEN?

Teach one 1.5 hr lesson per month



*5th-grade students learning about Traditional Ecological Knowledge on the COSA in Bishop, CA*

**Make your own schedule!**

## HOW TO APPLY?

Contact Paxton Rountree-Jablin at [prountree@inyocoe.org](mailto:prountree@inyocoe.org)

*For more information on this program, and future opportunities, check out Inyo County Office of Education's Outdoor Ed website:*

<https://inyocoe.org/outdoor-education-programs/>

# Join the Branching Out ESWP Program!

## **WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR**

Are you an educator, scientist, or outdoor enthusiast passionate about nature and teaching? We're seeking motivated individuals to become docents for the Eastern Sierra Watershed Program. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire youth, work outdoors, and contribute to hands-on science education.

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Eastern Sierra Watershed Program is a cooperative initiative run by the Eastern Sierra Institute for Collaborative Education, Inyo County Office of Education, local resource agencies, and Inyo County Schools. This program gives students field study opportunities throughout Inyo County, engaging them in scientific inquiry and environmental stewardship.

Students participate in small-group, hands-on studies led by trained docents. As a docent, you'll play a critical role in guiding these activities, making complex scientific concepts accessible and exciting for students.

## **5th Grade Branching Out Focus**

- Incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) with "western" science as complementary ways of understanding the world
- Support the development of science skills (ex: scientific observation, inquiry, documentation, experimentation, journaling), and extend the Science Camp experience and learning for those 5th graders who attended in the Fall.
- Provide place-based, student-centered, nature-focused educational experiences

## **DATES & COMMITMENT**

- Training Day: TBD (December)
- Teaching Days: Docents will be paired with a local 5th grade classroom teacher to coordinate their monthly lesson. Docents will meet teachers and students at an outdoor teaching location, such as the COSA in Bishop. This program requires a commitment once a month Dec-May
- Location: Inyo County, CA

## **COMPENSATION**

- \$50 per day

Docents will receive training in teaching techniques, scientific inquiry, and the specific activities they will lead. No prior experience is required—just a passion for learning and teaching!

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***Join us to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards and explore the beauty of the Owens River!***