



# Environmental Education Programs in Russian River Sector State Parks supported by **Stewards of Slavianka**



Human impact on, and stewardship of, our environment is one of the most important lessons we can teach our young people. Environmental education programs promote awareness of our relationship to the world around us and nurture leadership skills and a sense of responsibility for our environment and our future.



Stewards of Slavianka (Stewards) has developed several curriculum-based programs to assist teachers with teaching their students about the treasures of our environment while participating in an ecological adventure in our local State Parks.

## **Willow Creek Watershed Education Program (Grades 6-12)**

### **Help the Salmon Return to Willow Creek!**

The Willow Creek watershed once provided a viable salmonid spawning habitat. Being so close to the mouth of the Russian River makes its restoration of significant value. Stewards has established an education site in the watershed where young people have the opportunity to learn about watershed impacts, what salmonids need to survive, the importance of assessing and monitoring stream parameters and how to identify macroinvertebrates. They will learn what Stewards and other partner agencies are doing to restore the watershed. **The program includes videos, a teacher's resource manual with watershed activities, a classroom visit and a field visit to Willow Creek for hands-on activities.**



## **Tidepool Exploration Program (Grades 3-8)**

The tidepools are teeming with life. Nearly everywhere you look there are plants and animals, some of which are very fragile. However, these natural resources are not without end, and they will not survive without our stewardship. This popular program provides an opportunity for young people to discover tidepool life, how to explore without destruction, learn about the different tidal zones and the life they support. **The program includes a video, a teacher's resource manual with field guides, an optional classroom visit by State Park rangers and a visit to Sonoma Coast where State Park lifeguards will provide a safety talk and volunteers lead hands-on explorations into the tidepools. (This program is also offered at Salt Point State Park.)**

## **Redwood Ecology Program (All ages)**

There is lots to learn about redwood ecology at Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve where magnificent old growth redwoods reside. **Volunteers are available now to provide guided tours through the park.** By Spring 2004 we expect our Redwood Ecology Education Program to be up and running which will provide teachers with a manual and resource materials to enhance their on-site visit to the Reserve.



Registration is required for all programs.

Contact us early as opportunities fill up fast. (707) 865-0180 or email [volparks@mcn.org](mailto:volparks@mcn.org)  
You can visit our website [www.stewardsofslavianka.org](http://www.stewardsofslavianka.org) for more information.

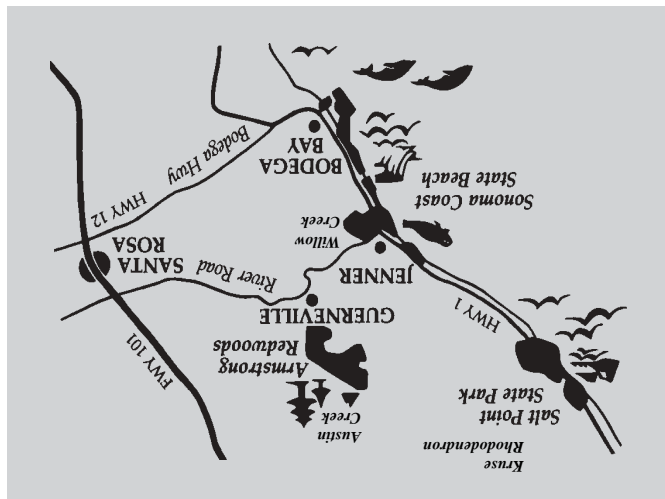
**Service Learning opportunities are also available.**



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