

Chapter Underwrites Scholarships to Get Kids into Nature

In August, the Santa Lucia Chapter donated \$1,250 to [Delphinus School of Natural History](#), funding scholarships that sent three local children to the school.

Delphinus School was founded in 2011 by John Sanders as a regional, summer science-exploration program for elementary and middle school students. It now incorporates camps for older students, adults, and interns. Programs focus on nature awareness, promote environmental stewardship, and offer instruction in Natural History, Animal Behavior, Estuary Science, Coastal Geology, and Freshwater Ecosystems -- all interactive and student driven to foster self-expression.

Santa Lucia Chapter Chair Carole Mintzer said, “We are in complete agreement with the school’s philosophy: ‘Students who develop a deep personal relationship with nature become environmental stewards of nature instead of casual observers of nature.’

“The Sierra Club couldn’t have said it better. The Chapter is delighted to be able to underwrite these scholarships and help kids explore nature.”



Blake Steele, the first of three students to receive scholarships donated by our chapter, attending Delphinus School of Natural History's Watershed Ecology/Fly-fishing camp, June 20-24. (Photo from the Delphinus School of Natural History)