

Outdoor Education

	Summer 2021	
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Self-led nature discovery.

Fall Hikes

Tentative Plans for Hitting the Trails in 2021

After a year hosting Field Trip in a Box activities for schools, we are planning to start fall field trips back up in September.

Fall hikes on the beautiful Crystal Lake trail will take place on September 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29 as long as Covid-19 case numbers do not increase significantly.

All education activities will follow current public health

safety guidelines so we may do our part to keep our communities safe.

If you would like more information about field trips or to sign up, please email lauren@springrivers.com or stay tuned for a future fall field trip email coming your way! We look forward to seeing you out on the trails this year!



Winter and Spring 2021 in Review

SRF Launches *Field Trip in a Box*

*Delivering Outdoor Experiences
During a Pandemic*

Over the last year and a half, our Education Team worked to develop and distribute *Field Trip in a Box* kits to all 57 classes scheduled to have field trips in 2020 and 2021. The project was a massive undertaking but allowed Spring Rivers Foundation to help make outdoor learning opportunities available to students during the current Covid-19 pandemic. *Field Trip in a Box* was a success with overwhelming positive response from educators and students.



Allison headed out for a FTIAB Delivery

Field Trip in a Box provided teachers with the ability to choose the day on which their field trip took place, allowing necessary flexibility to work around quarantines, school closures, and schedule changes.

The project was designed to comply with health recommendations and eliminate unnecessary potential exposures for teachers, students, SRF education team members, and our wonderful, dedicated



Fall River students enjoy a birdwatching activity.

volunteers. Classes were able to complete their field trips at a nearby, walkable, natural areas or even on their school's playground.

We will use the *Field Trip in a Box* kits to help broaden our reach, providing more Outdoor Education experiences to students in the future.



*A 3rd grader shows off her fish print t-shirt after participating in the FTIAB fish print art bin activity.
Photo submitted by Katie Bidwell*

Winter and Spring 2021 in Review

Greetings From the Education Team

Dear Docents, Donors, and Friends of Spring Rivers Foundation,

We would like to thank you for patiently waiting for field trips to resume as we deal with the challenges of running the outdoor education program safely during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you to all the docents who emailed to say they were ready to get outside with us when we resume regular field trips. Thank you to the teachers and students for embracing the Field Trip in a Box program for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are looking forward to getting back outside with all of you and hope to see you at one of the beautiful outdoor learning lab sites or out on the trails in the near future!

In the meantime, we wish you lots of outdoor fun!

Allison Breedveld, Education Director
Lauren Bridgeman, Education Coordinator



Remembering Lillian Nelson



Lil at the Lillian Nelson Nature Preserve.

In early 2021, Spring Rivers Foundation lost a long-time enthusiastic friend and supporter.

Throughout her 100 years, "Lil" demonstrated a passion for education and the beauty of nature.

Growing up in Pennsylvania, Lil enjoyed introducing her family's hotel guests to the natural beauty of the Pocono Mountains' woods and trails. As an adult, she delighted in sharing nature walks with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In 2010, Lil offered the use of her property as a field trip location the first Spring Rivers Foundation Field Trips in the Redding Area.

She enjoyed visiting many SRF field trips over the years.

The joy Lil found in outdoor education and a deep appreciation of nature inspired her to preserve natural open space in perpetuity.

Lil's legacy in Shasta County, the Lillian Nelson Nature Preserve, was established in 2013 to encourage outdoor education and protect wildlife habitat for future generations.

We are grateful for the many outdoor adventures shared with Lil and look forward to honoring her memory with field trips at The Preserve for years to come.