

Vida Verde Nature Education

Global Giving Campaign



Vida Verde is a nonprofit that promotes educational equity by providing free, overnight environmental learning experiences for students who don't otherwise get the opportunity.

Population Served

- 32 classes during the school year
- High-poverty Title 1 Bay Area schools
- 85% qualify for free/reduced-cost meals
- 99% students who identify as people of color



Impact: Teacher Survey Data



Meaningful or exceptional impact on

- Cooperation, communication and relationships: 92%
- Classroom learning: 88%
- Self-confidence/self-esteem: 96%
- Positivity and kindness: 80%
- Awareness of and interest in nature: 92%
- Overall school experience: 96%





Impact: Narrative Survey



"Vida Verde invited out students from Oakland CA, many of whom have not crossed the bridges out of Oakland to return to earth, their first mother, to remember their roots and connect to each other in new ways. The benefits of this camp can be seen in students who otherwise might wear a frown or an angry mask to onlookers are now catching frogs and clapping their hands to campfire songs. They are helping new friends across the creek and understanding teamwork and loyalty in new ways. I can only hope that as these students enter some of the hardest years of their life, they remember the joy they felt kissing a banana slug, and maintain a sense of hope for the future that has yet to come."

- April Laks, classroom teacher, Lighthouse Community Charter, Oakland

Thank you for supporting Vida Verde!

