



# WHISKEYTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Keeping Environmental Education Alive in Shasta County September 2023



## \$ 1.8 FROM SCOE FOR SAFETY/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

We are pleased to announce that on August 9, 2023, the Shasta County Board of Education (SCOE) voted unanimously to contribute \$1.8 million toward rebuilding Whiskeytown Environmental School. The school was heavily damaged during the Carr Fire. “It’s exciting to have a unanimous vote for this community treasure,” said Board President Kathy Barry.

The contribution will fund construction of a new Safety/Administration building at the front of the campus, providing enhanced security. The building design improves school operations and combines school functions that were previously spread between three separate buildings. This new building includes administrative offices, a conference room/teaching space, student health center, and visiting teacher housing.



**Proposed Design for New Safety/Administration Building**

WES Community is grateful for the board’s foresight and their vote to allocate \$1.8 million toward building a new Safety/Administration building at WES. This is a huge step toward creating a safe and more accessible campus to serve thousands of Shasta County students over the next 50 years. We are thrilled to be making huge progress in our Grow Back Stronger campaign and eager to welcome students back to WES for overnight programming as soon as possible.

# GROW BACK STRONGER & STUDENT HOUSING



## Proposed Design for Four-Plex Cabins for Student Housing

The Grow Back Stronger campaign for WES would not be possible without our partners, Whiskeytown NRA/NPS and SCOE. Thanks to these partners, WES will benefit from the Safety/Administration Building, as well as rehabilitation of Hatcher Hall, the amphitheater, underground utilities and more.

**DONATE** ❤️

The fundraising commitment for WES Community is for new student housing. Thanks to the generosity of our region, we are making excellent progress with \$1.5 million in funds and pledges committed to student housing. Fundraising continues, please help us achieve this goal by joining the Grow Back Stronger Campaign to build new student housing. It's easy to donate online [WESCommunity.org](https://WESCommunity.org) or by sending a gift to WES Community.

# AMPHITHEATER REHABILITATION AND GIVING TUESDAY

Happily, the heart of the campus, the amphitheater, will now receive a much needed makeover. The amphitheater is essentially the same structure that was built by volunteers in the early 1960s. It has held up faithfully through thousands of sing-alongs, bonfires, storms, and intrusions by ground squirrels. Now, with tree roots cracking and crumbling concrete, it is time for a new act for the amphitheater.



**Amphitheater in Action - 2003**



**Present Day - Needs a Little Love**

The amphitheater rehabilitation plan will maintain the same design and location, but with new and expanded seating, new seat backs, improved accessibility for students, new concrete, removal of non-native trees, stumps, and broken concrete. We are excited to update this space for new generations of students to learn, laugh, and make lifelong memories at WES.



The project budget is estimated to be \$75,000. Redding East Rotary, Redding Rotary, and Redding West Rotary have kick-started the project with a recent grant of \$16,600 for materials plus donated labor. The grant writing team at Redding East Rotary worked overtime to produce the grant; the community spirit of the three clubs is amazing and appreciated!



WES Community is seeking business owners to help fund the project. Your gift of \$1,000 towards a bench helps create new seating for students, a gift that keeps the sing-alongs going for another 50 years! Please contact Kathy Hill, 530.945.6585 to explore giving a gift.

Join WES Community on Giving Tuesday, November 28th, to raise additional funds for this project!

Time has Taken a Toll

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## GIVING TUESDAY IS COMING - NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Our 2023 Giving Tuesday cause for fundraising is the ***New Act for the Amphitheater Campaign***. Our local Rotary Clubs have already funded \$16,600, please join them, and add your support! Redding, we can do it! Please save these dates:

Advance Giving November 14, 2023

Giving Tuesday November 28, 2023

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## WES TRAIL WORK BEGINS

In March, WES Community received a \$26,000 grant from The Shasta County-USFS Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The award will fund rehabilitation of seven trails surrounding and connecting to Whiskeytown Environmental School. Whiskeytown NRA/NPS has agreed to match the funds up to \$17,500 for a grand total of \$43,500 for trail work! This will allow several hiking groups to use the trails at the same time with minimum overlap.



This work will begin in September and is a significant step forward for the WES Day Programs which until now have been campus centered. Many thanks to the cooperative effort of these two agencies that will benefit students at Whiskeytown Environmental School.

Logging Camp Trail - Spring 2023

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## A SPECIAL THANKS

Every newsletter is brought to you by our "Envelope-Stuffer-In-Chief", Judy Feree. Judy is a retiree and Whiskeytown Lake fan. She can be found many mornings, paddling her kayak at Whiskeytown Lake, as a volunteer on the park's guided kayak tours. Judy is a valued part of our team, supporting us with her volunteerism. Thank you Judy!

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR WES - 2023

WES Community expresses our gratitude for the support received from these organizations and businesses for the rebuilding of Whiskeytown Environmental School.

- Enterprise Holdings Foundation
- Evanhoe, Kellogg & Company
- Facebook
- GBK Corporation/ACE Hardware
- Jacobs
- Kool April Nites
- Metals Direct
- Redding East Rotary
- Redding West Rotary
- Redding Elks Lodge #1073
- Redding Rotary
- The Rotary Club of Redding Charitable Foundation
- Shasta County Peace Officers Association
- SHN Engineering
- United Methodist Women
- VESTRA Resources, Inc.

## CREATE A GIVING NETWORK WITH YOUR FACEBOOK/META PAGE

Create a network of awareness and giving for WES Community with your Facebook page. Your birthday, anniversary, or another special day for celebration is the perfect opportunity to support projects you value. It is an easy way for family and friends from afar to honor you with a gift of love to WES Community. We appreciate the many donations we have received from this source.

## BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

Do you have time to give? Consider becoming a board member and contact Melinda Kashuba 530.440.5584, wescommunitypres@gmail.com. We welcome all talents and levels of interest!

### OUR MISSION

Whiskeytown Environmental School Community (WES Community) exists to support educational goals through immersive outdoor experiences for learners at Whiskeytown Environmental School (WES). WES Community contributes to the school's mission through advocacy and relationship building with communities, businesses and public agencies to generate funds and further shared goals.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS & LIAISONS

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### DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Donate online, [wescommunity.org](https://www.wescommunity.org) or by check, WES Community, PO Box 3, Whiskeytown, CA 96095
- Facebook Birthday Fundraisers
- Benevity Corporate Matching program
- Asset and non-cash gifts: Gordon Flinn, 530.945.8351

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