



WHISKEYTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Keeping Environmental Education Alive in Shasta County

May 2023



REBUILDING PROGRESS

Wildflowers, shrubs, and trees aren't the only things growing at WES this spring—our campus is getting ready to grow, too! Real progress has been achieved towards plans to rebuild and rehabilitate WES. This team project involves the National Park Service (NPS) at Whiskeytown NRA, Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE) and WES Community.

WES Community has funded three projects to move the construction forward: 1) A topographic survey of the entire site for environmental planning, 2) A historical survey of the site for compliance (the site passed!) and most importantly, 3) Architectural and engineering designs for rebuilding four-plex cabins and a new Administration-Safety Building.

A complete set of plans and cost estimates for two parts of the project have been completed. These are the student housing and the Administration-Safety Building. Both sets of plans are in the review stages with the National Park Service and Shasta County Office of Education.

WES Community is fundraising for permanent student housing. The design replaces individual cabins and will consist of 3, new four-plex cabins, with 4 housing units inside to maintain the camaraderie and traditions of the past. Each building will have modern restrooms and showers attached. Cabin capacity has increased, each four-plex will house forty-eight people, for a total site capacity of 144 students and chaperones.



Four-Plex Cabins



Exterior Corridor Four-Plex Cabins



Interior Four-Plex Cabins



Proposed Administration-Safety Building



Interior of Administration-Safety Building

The Administration-Safety Building is under consideration by team partner, SCOE. This improvement to the campus will be located at the front of the school site, improving campus security. It will include visiting teacher housing, the student health room, a meeting room/classroom, and administration offices.

All structures, will be fire resistant with metal exteriors, including roofs, and will utilize 70% recycled steel. New buildings will be finished on the inside with insulation and drywall, and include fire-suppression systems, heating, and cooling.

The NPS continues work on plans for rehabilitation of the dining hall and removal of old cabins, and an old bridge, utility improvements, and repair of roads.

Rebuilding student housing will enable the resumption of overnight programs, and will increase enrollment to approximately 5,000 students per year. WES provides an experience filled with hands-on learning, science, teamwork, fun, and moments that can last a lifetime.

We're delighted by the community support we've received. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals have stepped up to provide funding for the Grow Back Stronger campaign, and we are eager to begin building. We are on our way—but we need full participation from our community to reach our goal of \$4.2 M.

Please join us today so that WES can "Grow Back Stronger" and make one-time or recurring gift online at WWW.WESCOMMUNITY.ORG

Considering an asset or non-cash gift? Please contact Gordon Flinn, 530.945.8351

ACE HARDWARE-HELPING THE REBUILD

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Community-oriented ACE Hardware stores are supporting the Grow Back Stronger during the month of June. Shop for your hardware and household needs at the store, "Round Up at the Register" to the nearest whole dollar amount for WES. Shoppers give a little and cumulatively, WES Community receives a nice donation from your shopping via ACE Hardware at the above locations.



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a nonprofit with a mission to rebuild
Whiskeytown Environmental School




COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



March 2021



KIDS NATURE EXPLORATION DAY was held at WES on May 6th. This fun family day was a partnership between Shasta Land Trust and WES Community with help from the NPS. In spite of the rain, families celebrated the return of spring, enjoyed picnic lunches, guided hikes, nature activities and nature-themed art projects.

Popcorn and s'mores topped off the day for the children and families who participated in this public event.

REDDING EAST ROTARY hosted WES Community on March 22nd. This club gave a generous gift in 2021 to boost the Grow Back Stronger Campaign. Our return in March was to update the club about rebuilding and reopening WES. Club members were able to see the detailed building and rehabilitation plans that have developed since their gift.



EARTH DAY festivities took place at Caldwell Park April 22nd. WES Community's booth was one of many at this well attended event next to the Sacramento River.

Visitors to our booth were nonstop as the public reminisced about their experiences at WES and learned about rebuilding plans. Kids were delighted to touch and learn about mammal skulls.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Shasta County Peace Officers Association (SCPOA) provided a donation towards the rebuilding of student housing. We share their commitment to better options for our community's youth. Another community supporter, VESTRA Resources, also provided a generous donation towards student housing.



We are grateful that these two entities recognize how important WES is to our community.

ARE YOU IN THE FACEBOOK LOOP?



Found student photos, c.2000, who are you?



Staff 2013



Staff 1976

Did you know that we have vibrant online groups for anyone wanting to stay connected to WES? Connect with others, and share how WES impacted your life! Get in the loop, share your memories and old photos. We want to be in touch you, so make sure to follow us.

Student alumni: WES Community Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/WESCommunity/>

Staff, connect here: WES Staff Alumni
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/755447165978010/about/>



REBUILD WITH A WES T-SHIRT

Has your old WES t-shirt finally given up the ghost? Too many holes and stains? Perhaps it's shrunk! For a replacement, make your way to Redding's Enjoy Store, 1261 Market St. in downtown Redding. ALL profits go directly to the Grow Back Stronger rebuild fund. Sizes range from small youth to XXL adult.

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.

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- Facebook Birthday Fundraisers
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