



What is special about LATO?

Connecting kids and local lands
Kids develop relationships with the land as they return to the same oak woodlands through the years, making new discoveries each time. Nature is always changing.

Conservation is for everyone
We're based in public schools so all kinds of kids (and families) get to participate. We partner with a variety of groups and welcome diverse perspectives.

Kids teaching kids
We train selected 4th graders to serve as junior nature guides aka Oak Ambassadors. It's a powerful experience with lasting impacts. Kids continue service as they grow, taking on more responsibilities.



How to get involved:

LATO is supported by private donors, grants, volunteers, sponsors and partnerships. Please consider making a donation, becoming a partner or business sponsor, volunteering, or including us in your estate plans.

How to donate:

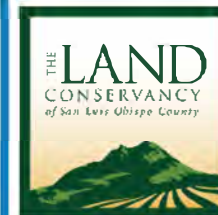
Send check payable to The Land Conservancy/ marked "For LATO Fund" to LCSLO, P.O. Box 12206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

How to find out about volunteer or sponsor opportunities:

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Educating and Inspiring Future Conservation Leaders



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Santa Margarita Elementary School
Santa Margarita Ranch LATO



Vineyard Elementary School
Vineyard School Nature Trail



Ocean View Elementary School
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Each public school partner has its own associated nature trail for guided hikes, field studies, wildlife cameras and stewardship projects. We connect kids and land.

"It's opened my eyes to the world." ---6th grade Oak Ambassador Banny

Mission:



Learning Among the Oaks (LATO) projects and activities are designed to engage children and families in exploring, learning about and caring for nature close to home. San Luis Obispo County's oak woodlands provide a rich environment for experiencing the joy of making discoveries and becoming lifelong nature stewards.

What we do:

- Guided educational hikes for school classes and community groups
- Junior oak naturalist (Oak Ambassador) training and ongoing mentoring
- Stewardship of oak nature trails and Gateway to Nature native landscapes
- Wildlife camera project
- Develop and manage nature centers at two public school partner sites

"People disrespect nature when they don't know about nature. I want everyone to respect nature!"

--- 4th grade Oak Ambassador Skylar



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