

Dear Friend,

I am writing to ask for your help.

As 2024 is coming to an end, I want to say thank you for your generosity. With your help last year, 1,150 students spent time in nature (not on screens) building a sense of belonging, and learning to care for the earth with Earthroots. Your donation brought equity to outdoor education through our Ecoliteracy program at Title 1 schools, transformed families with scholarships to our weekly nature immersion programs, tended to 39-acre Big Oak Canyon, and so much more.

Our classes and programs continue to grow, however, Big Oak Canyon, our most beloved classroom, is suffering a devastating loss of mature oak trees (some over 100 years old) due to an invasive beetle infestation. Without your help many of the trees will die, affecting countless species of animals that depend on them. **I am asking for your help to save our trees because caring for the forest is essential to our students' education and the health of the ecosystem.**

Your contributions have already made a profound impact on Earthroots students and families.

An Earthroots mother shared a story about how her young son started planting acorns he collected last year. As they were growing, he learned about the beetle infestation, and the loss of so many trees. He donated his seven saplings to plant at Big Oak Canyon. This is a powerful example of how our students are taking action to protect the earth.

Ian, who came to Earthroots when he was a toddler, and is now in college, shared this:

"... I know that portions of my creativity, free spirit, and



Student donates oak trees for Big Oak Canyon that he grew from seed.



Ian and his family

thoughtfulness were built through Earthroots. The field school was more than just a time to build shelters, make fire, and hunt and gather food. I was taught life lessons like how to be self-sufficient which involved working with limited resources to survive. I learned how to show respect to others and the Earth . . .” – Ian Mead

We are reaching out to you because you have already demonstrated your passion for nature education in Orange County. **Will you donate today to support our students and protect the oak trees?** We are counting on you. This year our goal is to raise **\$50,000**.

Every tree, stream, and patch of soil is our living classroom, teaching vital lessons in ecology and the interconnectedness of life.

Your gift will inspire positive change and cultivate the next generation of environmental stewards.

With gratitude,



Jodi Levine
Executive Director
Earthroots Field School

P.S. Please give by December 31, 2024.
Your support means the world to us, to the future of our students, and to Big Oak Canyon.

Save the Date – I hope you will join us on Saturday, May 10, 2025 to celebrate two decades of Earthroots Field School at our 20th anniversary celebration!



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