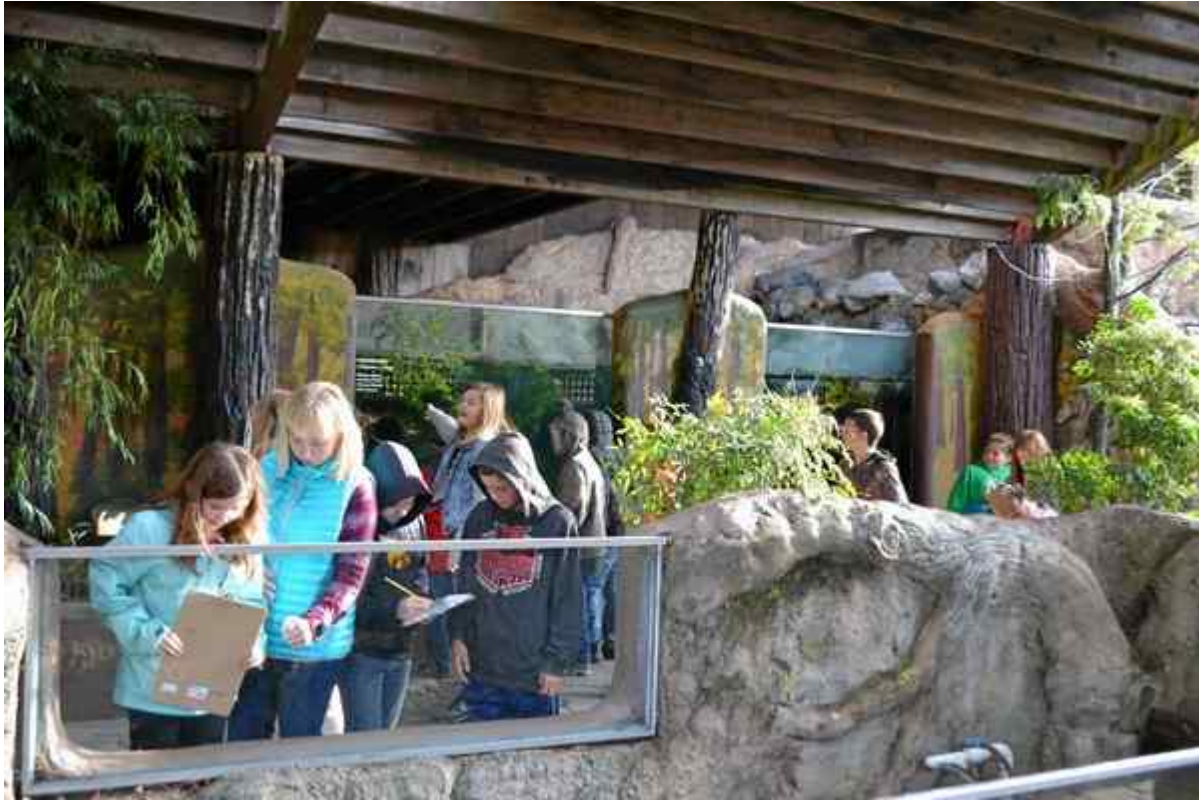


Exhibit teaches kids about local fisheries



(Left to right) Ashlee, AnnaKate, Ariel, Kobe and other students of Alison Sturdevant's Hydesville Elementary School fourth-grade class recently visited the Scotia fisheries exhibit as part of the Kids in the Woods Project. Mary Bullwinkel — For the Times-Standard

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Fourth-grade students from Hydesville and Cuddeback Elementary Schools recently visited the Scotia fisheries exhibit and several other outdoor locations in the Eel River Valley, as part of the More Kids in the Woods Project.

The project is a cooperative effort between Six Rivers National Forest, Friends of the Van Duzen River, the Trees Foundation, the Eel River Recovery Project, Humboldt Redwood Company, Swimmers Delight County Park and Grizzly Creek State Park.

The project is part of a continuing salmon education for students in third through fifth grades and includes classroom lessons, field trips to the Scotia fisheries exhibit and field trips to both Swimmers Delight County Park and Grizzly Creek State Park to witness salmon spawning.

“Kids in the Woods has really made a difference in the Van Duzen watershed community, taking kids out in nature so they can merge their inner nature and their outer nature, and to learn to observe and care for their environment and share their habitat,” Sal Steinberg, project director and Friends of the Van Duzen River community coordinator, said.

Steinberg describes the Scotia fisheries exhibit — owned and operated by Humboldt Redwood Company — as one of the best kept secrets on the North Coast. The exhibit includes Chinook salmon, steelhead, and rainbow trout in six tanks with a total volume of around 30,000 gallons of water —almost all which is recycled through a chiller, closed system.

The Kids in the Woods Project this year has been given the title “The Young Scientists – the Next Generation.” It is the third program of its kind in the last five years, and many of the more than 500 students at Hydesville, Cuddeback, Bridgeville, and Van Duzen Elementary Schools have participated.

Students participating in the program also participated in a two-day retreat along the Van Duzen River last summer, studying water quality and flow, macroinvertebrates, aquatic species, and riparian zones. They also worked with local scientists to install and retrieve temperature probes which take stream data every hour for months at a time.

The goal of the Kids in the Woods Project is to train the next generation of scientists to be sustainable stewards of the land.

Free, self-guided tours of the Scotia fisheries exhibit are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Guided school tours can be scheduled Monday through Friday by calling Humboldt Redwood Company at 707-764-4429.