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**Action Network Awarded \$15,000 Grant for
Summer Youth Program**

Coastal Connections is a summer program that provides opportunities for The Sea Ranch youth to learn about their environment and connect with the outdoors through hands-on classroom activities and field trip adventures.



Using the Waves, Wetlands, and Watersheds (WWW) curriculum, youth learn about the natural history of California and processes that form coastal environments. Instructors facilitate hands-on learning activities and experiential games. The program exposes youth to outdoor places and people they would not normally encounter in their daily lives, while simultaneously teaching relevant science content. Coastal Connections

is believed to be the only comprehensive outdoor program available in our community, enriching the lives of Native American Pomo, Hispanic, Caucasian, mixed and other youth by exploring how their diverse cultural histories are connected to their natural environment. The Sea Ranch youth will participate in outdoor adventures linked to the WWW lessons. Youth experience a diversity of Sonoma County environments, including: rocky coasts, sand dunes, streams, coastal prairies, and redwood forests. Field trip activities include: exploring regional geology, whale watching, animal

footprint tracking, bird watching, tide pooling, hiking and kayaking.



In addition to the science program, Action Network will be offering a summer reading program to maintain or improve your child's reading abilities. Please call us today to see how our summer programs can benefit your child.



Reading is Fun!

Upcoming Events

June 16 - Father's Day!!

- July 2 - Nutrition Basics for Teens classes start
- July 6 - Independence Day Street Fair in Point Arena at the pier
- July 7 - Independence Day parade in Point Arena
- July 9 - TSR Summer Youth Program begins - call for more info
- July ?? - Cultural Camp Day - Great Program!!! Call for more info
- July 16 - Mendo County Mental Health Stakeholder Participation Meeting - Open to the public. PA Public Library noon-1:00pm

Last Minute Sober Grad Night Party – Friday June 7th

A week before graduation, Action Network learned that no “Sober Grad Night Party” had been arranged for the High School Graduating



Class of 2013. This seemed a shame, but with such short notice, nothing really seemed possible. Then, in stepped **Zean Moore**. He contacted Action Network on Monday morning, June 3, asking for any assistance we could give to get a last minute party off the ground for the grads on Friday night.

Leah Kirby, Action Network’s Youth Coordinator, jumped into action and canvassed our wonderful local merchants for food and raffle prize donations. **Action Network** was able to provide the Liability insurance coverage required for the event, the **Arena Theater** provided the venue and security, and the seeds of a very successful party were sown. Zean’s friends contributed DJ services, and his brother and Dad helped with everything.

Once again, our local businesses were incredibly generous – both **Surf Market** and **Gualala Super Market** donated an abundance of food and (non-alcoholic!) drinks, **Trinks** provided mini cookies, and **Two Fish Bakery** delivered fresh New York style Pizzas for the great feast. Raffle prizes were donated by **Jake Chladek of Gualala Pharmacy, Sabina and Sarah Mason of Tangles, Jeni Baker of Attractions, and Dave**

Bradbrook of Gualala Video. Thank you all so much!

Zean worked tirelessly to pull the whole thing together at such short notice, and deserves a huge thank-you from the Grads and the whole community.

“It seemed such a shame that no party was planned” said Leah Kirby, Action Network’s Youth Coordinator. “When my class graduated, the parents put on a huge party for us, complete with big-ticket raffle prizes, a laundry basket of gifts for each grad, fun games, music, and a complete Mexican food themed restaurant, complete with a menu and table service, for us to enjoy. The parents planned and fundraised for two years to put on the event, and we all had such a great time that night”.

Action Network and the Grads would like to thank all the adult chaperones who made the whole event possible by donating their time to attend the entire event – an insurance requirement. The Chaperones were: **Lu Berguiristain, Kat Gleason, Alan Horne, Becky Jones, John Moore and Windstrong**.

Hats off to our terrific community who came together at the last minute!! Action Network Family Resource Center and Across Ages and Cultures Coalition is available to help organize any such family-friendly (no alcohol served) community event. If the parents of the 2014 graduating class would like our assistance in planning and/or providing liability insurance, please contact Action Network at 884-5413, as soon as possible.

In the end over 150 grads and friends attended and the party was a great success!



Looking for fun and interesting activities for your child to do over the summer? Don't forget that Action Network offers a full schedule of programs to whet your child's curiosity appetite.

Mondays in Gualala - Learning Through Play 10:00-1:00, ages 1-1/2 through 4

Tuesdays in Point Arena - Playgroup 1:00-3:30, ages 0-5; After School Enrichment Program 3:30-5:00; Girls' Circle, time TBD

Wednesdays in Gualala - Playgroup 10:00-noon, ages 0-5; Learning Through Play 10:00-1:00, ages 1-1/2 through 4

Wednesdays at Kashia - After School Enrichment Program

Thursdays in Gualala - Learning Through Play 10:00-1:00, ages 1-1/2 through 4

Thursdays in Point Arena - Girls' Circle, time TBD

Fridays in Gualala - Playgroup 11:00-noon

Fridays in Point Arena - Playgroup 1:00 - 3:30 ages 0-5; After School Fun 3:30 - 5:00

Call 884-5413 to learn more about these programs... or ask a friend to tell you about us.