

Take your students to visit a local Special District!

- Add a “kick” to your 4th — 8th grade curriculum
- Choose from a list of Special Districts to visit
- Get up to \$800 for bus transportation while showing and teaching our future community leaders about the purpose and importance of Special Districts!



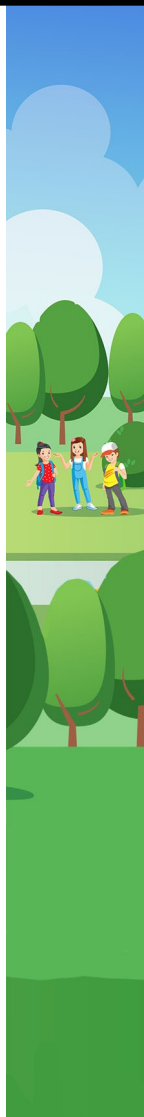
Did you know?

Special districts are a form of local government, created by a local community, to meet specific needs within a specific boundary. Those boundaries can range from a single neighborhood to a vast area and are generally relative to the type of services that are being provided.

Nearly 85% of California’s Special Districts perform a single function such as wastewater, water, fire protection, health care, or cemetery management. But sometimes a Special District, like community services districts, may provide two or more services.

Each Special District is accountable to the voters within their communities through an elected Board of Directors and the customers who use the services. That means Special Districts are more responsive to their constituents and small groups of citizens can be quite effective in influencing Special Districts’ decisions.

This purpose of our Field Trip Grant opportunity is to help you and your students visit a Special District and increase your insight to this effective means of local government and the important services they provide to the citizens of San Diego County.



About this Grant

Two grants will be awarded this year, funded by the San Diego Chapter of the California Special District Association. Each award will include a field trip to the Special District of your choice (selected from the list on the back of this brochure), and up to \$800 to cover the cost of up to two buses to transport your students. A Special District liaison will also be assigned to you to assist with your field trip planning.

To apply for the grant:

1. You must write a letter explaining why and how a Special District field trip will benefit your students. Please include the name of the school, the class grade, the number of students, and the chosen Special District destination. The letter can be hand or type written and should be no more than two pages in length.
2. Get your grant application noticed with enthusiasm. Feel free to include anything along with your letter that shows why you have a **Special Class** that deserves a **Special District** field trip. This may be anything such as including letters from your students (no more than 200 words per student), a video clip greeting, or a photo - or show your uniqueness and surprise us!
3. **Your application must be date-stamped no later than 9:00 PM on Monday, 03/16/2020.** Digitally submit your grant request to:
conservation@rinconwater.org
4. Winners will be notified by email no later than 04/01/2020. The field trip must be booked and take place before 6/30/2020. Questions about this grant program can be submitted to the email noted above.

This year, choose one from the following Special Districts field trip destinations:

CSA No. 135 Public Safety Group - Palomar Mountain



Fire suppression is not the only firefighting work done by southern California mountain camps like this one. Come see the dramatic views from the Boucher Fire Tower, which makes this an excellent spot for a fire lookout.

Leucadia Wastewater District - Carlsbad



As a wastewater agency we protect public health, the Batiquitos Lagoon and our local beaches through responsible and efficient infrastructure maintenance. Come see live demonstrations on how we use specific tools, technology and vehicles to accomplish this.

Olivenhain Municipal Water District - Rancho Bernardo



What exactly happens to the water that goes down a drain in a building or home? Come take a look at the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility and find out how waste water is recycled and used to reduce demands on potable water.

Padre Dam - Santee



We turn on our faucets and safe, clean drinking water flows out. But where does this water come from? Where does it go after it's used? Come learn how Padre Dam recycles its water at the East County Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Facility

Rincon Municipal Water & Fire District - Escondido



You can't fight fire without water. Come visit a fire district and water district all in one. Meet with firefighters behind the scenes with a fire station tour and then see the water system that provides essential firefighting water.

San Miguel Fire District - Spring Valley



Educating the community about wildfire protection and fire safety is an important part of protecting people, homes, and open space. Come learn from firefighters what you need to know to stay safe and see the equipment used to fight fires.

Santa Fe Irrigation District - Rancho Santa Fe



Water is life - without it, people, plants, and animals would not exist. Come learn how water is treated for human consumption, and transported to homes and businesses from the R.E. Badger Filtration Plant.

Sweetwater Authority - South Bay



Interested in learning more about how we provide our customers with safe and reliable water? Come see our surface water treatment plant or groundwater desalination facility. After a visit to one of these premises, you will learn what it takes to get clean water to your tap!

Water Conservation Garden - El Cajon



This East County gem is an important educational resource for environmental and conservation programs throughout the county with over six acres of displays including a native butterfly pavilion. Hosted by Helix Water District.

