



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class Gets Lesson in Environmental Stewardship from Local Businesses**

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Skyridge Elementary in Auburn is getting a lesson in environmental stewardship. Lincoln based non-profit Wildlife Heritage Foundation (WHF), along with Rocklin's Restoration Resources are hosting a three day field trip experience for the youngsters. The two local businesses recently kicked off their new education programs as part of their community outreach efforts.

The Auburn class' expedition will be the inaugural field trip for the programs. During the three day experience (Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>-Friday, April 11th), the students will get lessons in animal habitats, endangered species, native plants, and other conservation based topics. The height of the students' excitement will be the trip to Silvergate, a private mitigation bank in Sheridan, where they will get hands on biological experiences such as the use of dip nets to sample wetlands and taking a nature walk along riparian corridors looking for signs of animals. The three day session will culminate with a live bird demonstration by Jay Sheets, who will bring his white tailed kite and screech owl to the classroom.

Wildlife Heritage Foundation and Restoration Resources have partnered to bring environmental education to local students and families. The Silvergate mitigation bank was created and is maintained by Restoration Resources while Wildlife Heritage Foundation holds the conservation easement for the property. They plan to use this and other mitigation properties for future field trips. Both businesses have credentialed teachers coordinating and leading the field trips and other education programs. Kelly Velasco, Education Programs Coordinator for WHF states, "This is an exciting time for both Wildlife Heritage Foundation and Restoration Resources. The partnership will allow us to reach students all over Placer, Sacramento, Yuba, and Butte counties. Our goal is to educate the next generation about the wonders of wildlife, and we are pleased to be able to offer these programs to the public."

Wildlife Heritage Foundation (WHF) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving California's rich heritage of open spaces, agricultural land, and wildlife. Our

mission is to protect, enhance, and restore wildlife habitat on lands conserved for the benefit of future generations.

Restoration Resources is a state certified small business specializing in the design, permitting, construction, maintenance and monitoring of wetland, riparian, oak woodland, and endangered species mitigation projects. Restoration Resources corporate offices are located in Rocklin, California and their permanent staff currently stands at 40 full time employees.