

Educator Trainings



2017 STATISTICS

821

Youth workers,
educators, and
administrators served

4,199

Contact hours

22

Trainings facilitated

4

Conference
presentations

163

Attendees at
Environmental
Educators of Color
events representing 45
different organizations

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Utilizing the Golden Gate National Parks as a living classroom, Crissy Field Center staff offer a variety of informative, skill building, and impactful trainings. Covering youth engagement, inclusion and equity, and a range of education techniques, **Center staff customize trainings** and support the needs of educators and youth workers. Workshops and trainings offer park experiences for adult leaders to share with their youth, creating more opportunities for young people to engage with their local national park.

During the past year, Center staff provided trainings to employees and educators from a spectrum of Bay Area based, youth serving organizations, including eight branches of the YMCA, middle- and high-school social studies teachers, tri-agency park staff, and the Outdoor Educators Institute (OEI), a program of Youth Outside. Trainings included scientific and historical inquiry techniques, examining topics such as climate change and Japanese Internment, understanding restorative practices, and utilizing local national park resources in youth education.

In addition to providing educator support through training, staff extend the Crissy Field Center's reach and demonstrate its unique perspective on working with youth in national parks, through participation in

conferences, collaboratives, and consulting partners and organizations in the field. Staff present at the Bay Area Natural Resources Science Symposium and National Park Service Diversity Makes Us Stronger week. Staff engage and support organizations such as the Highline in Manhattan (New York), Irvine Ranch Conservancy in Southern California, and Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley.





PARTICIPANT STORY | HIGHLIGHTS

Organized and facilitated by staff of color for staff of color, the **Environmental Educators of Color** (EEOC) is an impactful program that aims to provide a safe space to support one another and have honest discussions about experiences and strategies for navigating racism within the field of outdoor and environmental education. This group supports its members in creating more positive environments at their organizations and for the youth that they serve.

Center staff initiated this convening to support educators of color who have the unique experience of teaching and leading people in spaces that have been historically exclusive of, unwelcoming to, and unsafe for people of color. The first session drew over 30 individuals from multiple agencies and organizations wanting to connect with their peers. Over the course of the year, over 160 unique individuals representing 45 different organizations were in attendance, illustrating both the value and need for this convening.



TRENDS | LEARNING | FUTURE PLANS



National parks and the outdoors have a place in any youth program. **Crissy Field Center** staff fill a unique role in park education, providing expertise in youth development and culturally responsive education. Balancing art, media, and science, educators blend environmental science with social and historical lessons that reflect and are relevant to the communities we serve. Center staff understand the vital perspectives that youth with marginalized identities offer and actively engage these students to share their views and build community with their peers.

Through partnerships and collaborations, staff continue to grow and develop programs grounded in authenticity and relevancy to the youth, organizations, and communities we serve- thus advancing and reinventing trends in education and youth leadership.



KEY PARTNERS



YMCA- Play, Learn, Serve,
Work Initiative