



2018 STATISTICS

1,912

Individuals served through trainings, presentations, and tours

9

Trainings facilitated

6

Conference presentations

20

Tours and group presentations

9

Environmental Educators of Color convenings with over 250 attendees representing 45 different organizations

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Utilizing the Golden Gate National Parks

as a classroom, Crissy Field Center staff offer a variety of informative, skill-building, and impactful trainings. Topics can range from youth engagement to inclusion and equity, specific education techniques and more. Crissy Field Center staff customize trainings and support the needs of educa-

tors, youth workers, and others wanting to build and refine their skills. Workshops and trainings offer experiences, skill building, and expertise for adult leaders to then share with their youth, creating more opportunities for children and youth to engage in their local national park.



During the past year, Center staff provided trainings to employees and educators from Bay Area youth-serving organizations. Scientific and historical inquiry technique trainings were completed with Bay Area 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.

When not providing direct support through training, staff extend the Crissy Field Center reach and demonstrate the unique role of working with youth in national parks through participation in conferences, collaboratives, and advising to partners and other organizations. Staff presented at the PGM ONE, ChangeScale, Children and Nature Network, and Harpers Ferry conferences. Staff engaged and supported entities such as the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, High Line in Manhattan, Kellogg Foundation, and Ten Strands.

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 one another 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, unique individuals representing 45 different organizations attended, illustrating the value and need for this convening.

TRENDS | LEARNING | FUTURE PLANS



National parks and the outdoors can play a role in any youth program. Crissy Field Center staff provide a unique role in park education, providing expertise in youth development, project-based learning, and culturally responsive education. Balancing art, media, and science, educators blend environmental science with social and historical lessons that reflect and are relevant of the communities being served. Center staff understand the unique 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 advance programs based in accuracy and relevancy to the youth, organizations, and communities they serve, lending themselves to furthering and reinventing trends in education and youth leadership.

KEY PARTNERS



ChangeScale.



YOUTH
OUTSIDE



YMCA- Play, Learn, Serve,
Work Initiative