



Presidio Trust

Crissy Field Center



2018 STATISTICS

8

Different school districts engaged

70

Different Schools served

5

Established partnerships with SFUSD schools

84

Community groups supported

16,872

Participants served through programs and resources

Over \$120,000

In transportation support

15.8

Hours of average contact time per participant



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Since 2001, the Crissy Field Center has focused on using the national parks as a platform for increasing equity and access to educational opportunities, leadership development and recreation in the outdoors. Located within the Golden Gate National Parks, the Center is a youth leadership and education facility serving young people, their families, and youth-serving adults. Youth development, multicultural environmental education, experiential education, and project-based learning are core to our approach with most programs customized and co-designed alongside participants and group leaders, ensuring relevancy. Leadership development for a more just society

occurs through exploration of positive relationships, identities, and social-emotional and technical skills.

Highly skilled, thoughtful, and multilingual staff are diverse in ethnicity, race, gender, and age. With contact hours ranging up to over 200 hours per individual, participants build confidence and strengthen transferable skills including critical thinking, the ability to sharpen their art, and media and science abilities. They develop environmental values, learn civic responsibility and take an active role in stewardship while building a lifelong connection to national parks.



OUR APPROACH

The Center's "ladder of learning" approach and multiple, stepped programs promote long-term relationships, nurturing youth both personally and professionally. Intentional youth development and multicultural education practices introduce them to leadership skills, providing life and career choice opportunities with national parklands becoming avenues for practicing new skills and careers.

Through strong partnerships with schools and community organizations serving marginal-

ized populations, the Center engages people who traditionally have had little, if any, access to national parks due to barriers, including but not limited to, financial factors, language, and cultural relevancy. Most of our programming is free or very low cost and offered in multiple languages. Our goal is to inspire young people to lead positive change in their lives, communities, and national parks.

PARTICIPANT STORY | HIGHLIGHTS

MEET THE SPECIALISTS

The Center's unique group of educators work with all program areas, engaging participants in interdisciplinary activities through project-based, hands-on approaches. Specialists provide expertise in digital media, arts using a variety of mediums, scientific inquiry, and outdoor exploration through front and backcountry camping.



My name is Miguel Cruz and I work with several groups including elementary, middle, and high school aged youth on programs like Migratory Story and Project WISE which let youth take part in experiential learning, leadership, and environmental justice projects through scientific practice in their communities and parks. Connecting their own lived experiences with scientific practice, they become more empowered students and community members. I look forward to connecting with these students who enrich these programs with their brilliance!

—Miguel Cruz, Environmental Education Specialist

As Art Specialist for the Crissy Field Center, I'm incredibly lucky to work with all of our youth programs. I move within groups, eagerly creating new and unexpected curriculum specific to program themes, schools, and age groups, exploring different methods and materials to express their individual stories. Every day, youth here create living works of art through self-expression, life experiences, and struggles. It's my job to ensure they are stimulated in wholesome productive ways to create positive social change, not just with art materials but by practicing life skills. Each program group brings forth their best selves through the creation of their life's story through art.

—Lynalee Lacayanga, Art Specialist

TRENDS | LEARNING | FUTURE PLANS



In 2021, the Crissy Field Center will move to the new Youth Campus, part of the Tunnel Tops Parklands project. With expanded art, media, science labs, a nature based playscape, and new youth services to engage with, Crissy Field Center programs will have contemporary spaces and resources for continuing our mission to

encourage new generations to become bold leaders for thriving parks, healthier communities, and a more environmentally just society.

In 2019 staff will continue to work closely with school and community partners, advocating for their needs at the youth campus.