

La ballona wetlands field trip

What Are The La Ballona Wetlands?

On March Third, Ms. Adachi's and Ms. William's class went on a field trip to the La Ballona wetlands. If you do not know the La Ballona wetlands, it is a place of plants, animals, and just pure nature in all its glory. It is a neighboring land directly next to the La Ballona creek that leads to the ocean. You can also see the Hollywood sign from there and there's a lot of animals, more specifically Hawks, Squirrels, Birds, and fish!

Picking at Plants.

After the bus dropped our groups off at the wetlands we separated into groups of 14, 14 and 13. Our group leader was named Carolynne and she first took us to this area where a bunch of invasive plants were, so she gave us the job to pick them up because they were taking over the land and making the original land unhealthy. We put on gloves and we started pulling on the overgrown plants from the ground. Some plants were easier than others and my group quickly learned that it was easier to pull from areas that had soft and wet dirt than from places with dry and hard dirt.

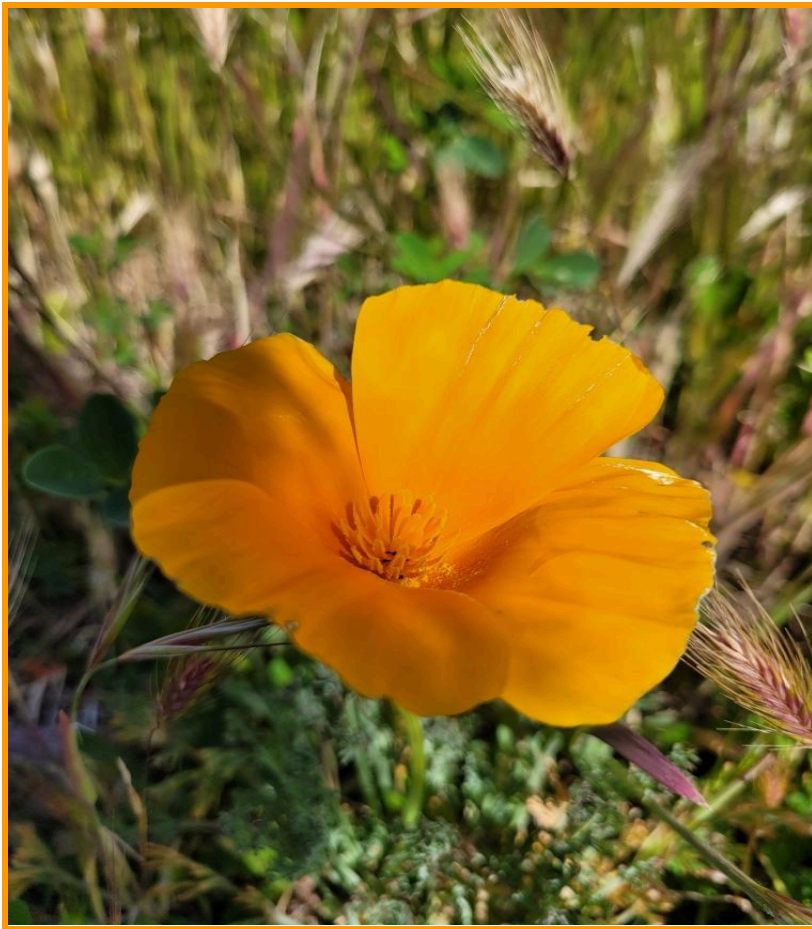


The longer we picked the invasive plants, the activity became more fun and easier to do. It was our favorite so it was bittersweet as it ended but it was fun to look forward to the new adventures the next station had for us.

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The state flower, California Poppies!

As we were ending off our session from picking the overgrown invasive plants we found a California poppy growing! Did you know that the California poppy is the state flower of California? The California poppy is native to the land of California and that is what makes it special, there were a ton of them growing on the sides of the path. The California poppy was hard to miss, and just looking over a bit from the path you could spot the beautiful plants swaying in the wind, because of the iconic neon orange color that makes the wonderful plant of the California poppy hard to miss.



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Beautiful Binoculars

Walking more far away from the California poppies far away we see a wood stand and binoculars! This time our tour guide's name is Samantha! We got a bit of free time and some people found California ground squirrels! It was a perfect day to go watching afar from the distance and look at the bird soaring high above the blue-blue skies, and the fish swimming in the nice low tide rivers just walking distance away. And the perfectly green plants that look like a fantasy

With the perfectly good flowers and perfect short grass!



Skulls n Bones

As we finished the binoculars station we were walking to another station when our tour guide saw some bones! He said they were possibly the food of an owl, another animal that got eaten by the owl and threw up on the ground.

It was a fascinating and cool experience to see this before the bones go into the ground down-down-down! Although we I did not see an owl, it was nice to see this part of the owl's life! Eating and digesting! And maybe the end of this animal's life too!..



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Passing by the bones of the other animal we found some beautiful light purple flowers, they looked a lot like a lavender plant. As we continued the trail they introduced us to a bush, where on its leaves it had red tiny insect eggs that looked like berries. We definitely loved this trip, it was so fun and entertaining. Overall this trip was AMAZING and one of the best so far!