



Environmental Volunteers

Innovative environmental science education that improves student learning

Dear Teacher,

This document is designed to help you select the EV learning stations, or kits, that will best support the science education you are planning in your classroom. Please review this document in preparation for your conversation with our Lead EV who will be organizing your service.

Class Size and Kit Selection

If you have 24 or fewer students you will have 3 learning stations. If you have 25 to 32 students you will have 4 stations. This allows us to keep the group sizes small (8 or fewer).

Typical Program Activities

In a typical program, we do the Introduction activity for the whole group. You then choose 3-4 activities (see above) from the rest of the list for your stations.

Please note the Acorn Grinding kit has students grinding real acorns and therefore may not be appropriate for students with **nut allergies**. If allergies prevent us bringing acorn grinding to a classroom needing 3 stations, we typically bring Cordage, Games, and Tools. If the classroom requires 4 stations, we would bring the Hunting kit, which expands on content covered in the Introduction and Tools kits.

ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS LEARNING ACTIVITY MATRIX FOR EARLY CALIFORNIA INDIANS

Title	Grades	Description
Introduction	3-4	Students get an overview of the lifestyle of the Ohlone people who lived in the Bay Area.
Acorn Grinding	3-4	Students go through the same process the Ohlone people used to grind acorns for their meals. Note: students will actually be grinding and tasting the acorns. The kit might not be appropriate for students with nut allergies .
Cordage	3-4	Students learn how the Ohlone people twisted cordage from local plant material to help make everything they needed from baskets to boats, to houses.
Games	3-4	Students play a variety of games that the Ohlone children played, learning how they used natural materials and what the different games taught the children.
Tools	3-4	Students explore the creative ways the Ohlone people used natural materials to make a variety of tools.
*Hunting	3-4	This kit goes more in depth into the Ohlone hunting practices. It expands on topics from the Introduction and Tools kits. *Generally this kit is used if we cannot use the Acorn Grinding kit due to student allergies to nuts.