



2023 ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT

Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy



Year in Review

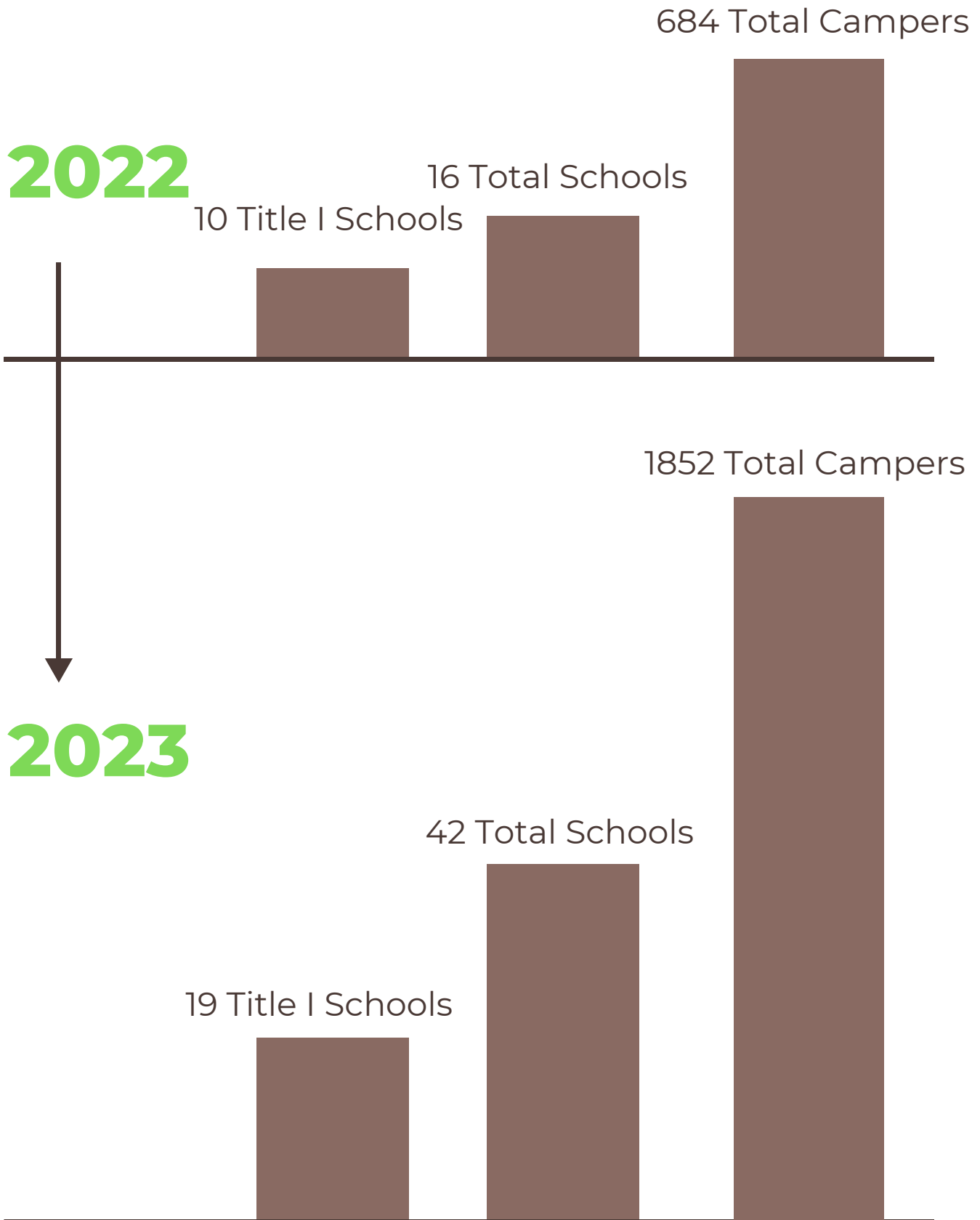
This was another year of exciting growth for the Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy. Most notably, the number of schools that visited increased to 42, compared to 16 last year!

Students enjoyed programs with course emphasis in Kelp Forest Exploration, Island Biogeography, and Environmental Stewardship.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Outdoor Academy!



PROGRAM GROWTH



GROWING OUR TEAM

Our staff team continues to grow to support the program. This year we had 17 program staff — twice as many as last year!

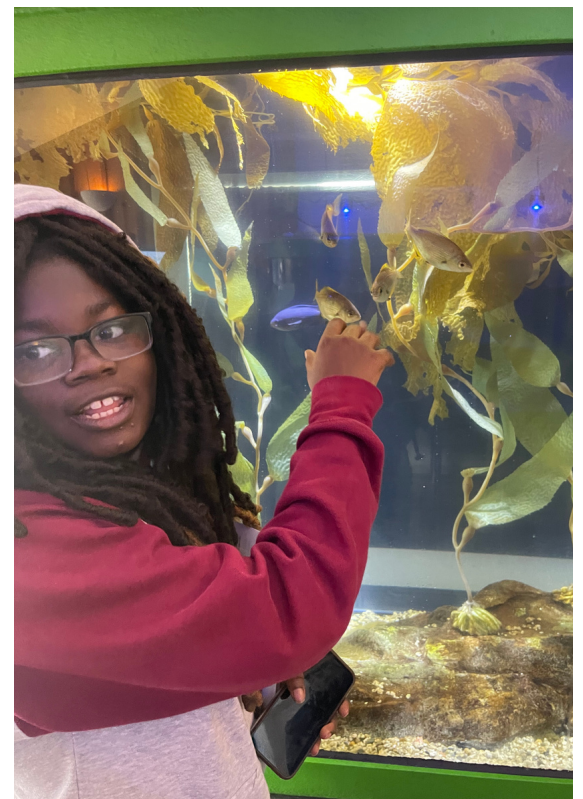
Positions include Program Assistant, Waterfront Manager, Naturalists, and ALGAEs (Archery, Lifeguard, and Assistant Educator).





COURSE EMPHASIS

The Outdoor Education field is competitive. What sets the Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy apart is our Core Course emphasis. All students — regardless of grade level — participate in our three Core Courses: Kelp Forest Exploration, Island Biogeography, and Environmental Stewardship.



220 CAMPERSHIPS

Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to offer 220 camperships to students from six different schools!

Camperships offset the program fees and make the Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy more accessible to even more youth.





—• EARLY BIRD BEACH HOUR

Beach time is a high priority for schools coming to Emerald Bay. This fall, we added a new weekly offering to give students even more beach time! On Departure Day, students can enjoy a sunrise campfire, kayaks and paddleboards, and a 6:30 AM Dock Jump under the supervision of the Waterfront Manager and Instructors.



SUPPORTING WHITSETT

Our fall staff team spent a week in the Sierras at Camp Whitsett finishing summer tear down and helping Ranger Joe complete some much needed camp maintenance projects.





“I really liked the snorkeling. I was terrified at first but then the naturalist really helped me out. I also liked the aquarium, it was fun to learn about the different animals and also the ones that they protect.”

***SEED School
9th Grader***

“Don’t be afraid to do something you don't want to do, just give it a shot!”

***Brentwood Science Magnet
5th Grader***

STUDENT QUOTES

“Something I learned in my astronomy course was the alignments of the stars. They got me interested in stars and I would love to learn more about them.”

***Hollenbeck Middle School
7th Grader***

“I loved the snorkeling! One time I felt like I was flying whilst looking at the long kelp stalks that reached 20-30 feet down.”

***Mt. Elden Middle School
8th Grader***



A SCOUTING LEGACY ♦

The Outdoor Academy builds upon our 100-year legacy of Scouting at Emerald Bay by introducing youth to outdoor skills and the Patrol Method. All student participants learn how to join scouting when they return home. For more information, visit beascout.org



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*We would also like to thank the Emerald Bay Advisory Team
for their generosity of time and commitment!*



2023 SCHOOL PARTNERS

93rd St Elementary | Los Angeles, CA

Benton Middle School | La Mirada, CA

Brentwood Elementary Science Magnet | Brentwood, CA

Castelar Elementary Community School | Los Angeles, CA

Castelar Elementary Mandarin Dual Language Program | Los Angeles, CA

Clifford Street Math & Technology Magnet | Los Angeles, CA

Columbus Tustin Middle School | Tustin, CA

Dolores Huerta International Academy | Fontana, CA

Edison Language Academy | Santa Monica, CA

Ralph Waldo Emerson Community Charter School | Los Angeles, CA

Furgeson Elementary School | Hawaiian Gardens, CA

Gorman Joint School District | Gorman, CA

Hawaiian Elementary School | Hawaiian Gardens, CA

Helios School | Sunnyvale, CA

Hollenbeck Middle School | Los Angeles, CA

Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary | Lake Hughes, CA

Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise | Los Angeles, CA

Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies

Magnolia Science Academy - 5 | Reseda, CA

Melbourne Elementary School | Los Angeles, CA

Milor High School | Rialto, CA

Mount Madonna School | Gilroy, CA

Mount Elden Middle School | Flagstaff, AZ

North Bridge Academy | Mill Valley, CA

Our Lady of Malibu School | Malibu, CA

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School | Downey, CA

Pacific Academy Encinitas | Encinitas, CA

Peak to Peak Mountain Charter | Pine Mountain Club, CA

Promise Academy | San Dimas, CA

Sacred Heart Parish School | Coronado, CA

SEED School | Los Angeles, CA

Seven Arrows Elementary | Pacific Palisades, CA

Sparrow Academy | La Mesa, CA

St. Anne School | Laguna Niguel, CA

St Michael's School | Tucson, AZ

Sunburst Youth Academy | Los Alamitos, CA

The Logan School for Creative Learning | Denver, CO

UCSD Student Wilderness Training Program | San Diego, CA

Vine Street Elementary School | Los Angeles, CA

Westland School | Los Angeles, CA

2023 STAFF ROSTER

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Aquarists

Harrison Carrell (Senior)

Emily Jackson (Senior)

Allison Peel

Nilly Wannappa

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Joschi Anderson

Harrison Carrell

Jimmy Cowan

Kayli Hamlin

Josslyn Herrera

Ren Jamison

Storm Moya

Sydney Niiyama

Samara Rodriguez

Nilly Wannappa

Margaret Whitlock

Simone Williams

ALGAE Instructors

Matthew Eames

Jordan Fuerst

Volunteers

Jordan Fuerst

Julia Glidden

Archery Range Commander

Scott Vawter

Head Cook

Maria Guerrero Muñoz

Emerald Bay Kitchen Staff

Myra Carrillo

Alexander Durling

Samia Dinniene

Tyler Escobar

JD Rotuk

PJ Welle

Emerald Bay Maintenance Team

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Collin Corzo (Crew Chief)

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Christopher Martin

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The Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy offers 3, 4, and 5-day overnight science programs at Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. For more information and to book your adventure, visit www.emeraldbayoutdooracademy.org

