

THE FIELD SEMESTER

A semester immersed in sustainable living and learning on the land

FACT SHEET

PROGRAM:

The Field Semester blends intellectual study and experiential learning. Through rigorous coursework, daily responsibilities, and active environmental stewardship students will develop a deep understanding of their role in the world and their responsibility to protect the planet.

- An academic and immersive residential program focused on environmental stewardship, community, and place
- Initially 15 students scaling up over time to a maximum of 45
- Self-selecting, motivated 11th and 12th graders from public, charter, and private schools
- We are committed to making this program accessible to all families; 30% of revenue used for scholarships
- 16-week semesters; each with weekend trips and a one week break

SUPERVISION:

The power of this program comes from fully immersing students in the experience of living and learning together on the land. Guided by expert faculty, students' days will be filled from dawn to dusk with a rigorous schedule of coursework, field exploration, chores, group activities, self-reflection, and studying.

- 24/7 accountability for every student
- Students must sign out if ever stepping off campus
- 1:9 adult to student ratio over night
- 1:5 adult to student ratio during the day
- No student cars

POSITIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT:

Partnering with TFS could significantly bolster PCCS's efforts to restore the schoolhouse and serve as a social hub for Port Costa.

- Ensure funding for completion of Schoolhouse restoration and upgrades
- TFS will host events that community members are encouraged to join such as classes, dinners, work parties, guest lectures, film screenings, and more
- Extra hands for town projects such as parking lot clean-up, town sidewalk and drain maintenance, beach clean-up, and trail maintenance

- An increased responsible presence on the land should deter illegal activities such as dumping and loitering
- As a partnership we will be more attractive to funders than as individual organizations
- Improvement and maintenance of recreational spaces on reservoir, schoolyard, and hillside lands, such as pathways and picnic areas
- Reinforce current community gardening and town beautification efforts
- Offer a produce supply for the community
- Educate a new generation of leaders who will carry on the values of Port Costa and become advocates for the town and similar communities
- Guaranteed spots for Port Costa children

WHO WE ARE:

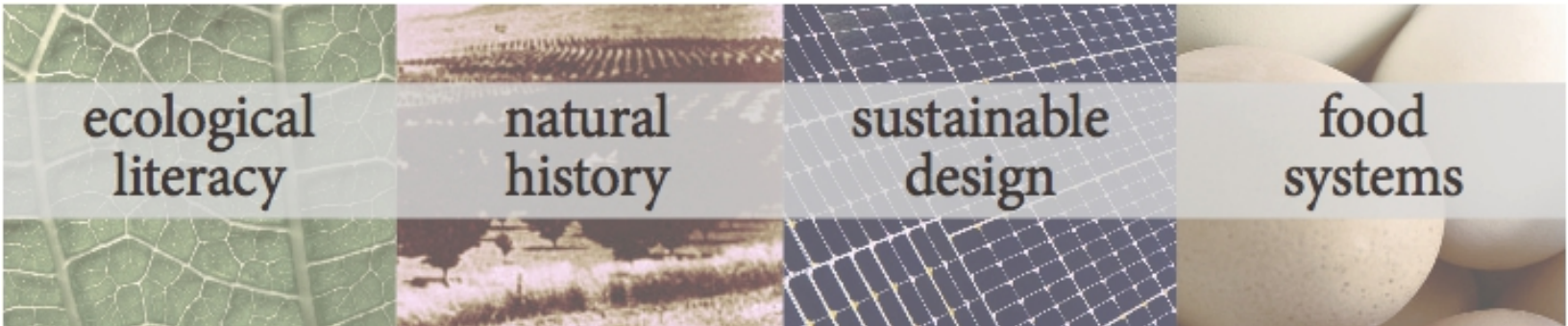
The three founders—Yaeir Heber, Andy Spear, and Paul Scott—have more than fifty years of combined experience in education. They have developed high school course curricula, traveled the world studying sustainable communities, managed classrooms and administrative teams, run summer programs, and won awards for teaching excellence. They have assembled a team of seasoned experts from a wide range of fields, including boarding school operations, finance and venture capital, nonprofit management, and environmental law, to develop this project.

FUNDING:

We have worked very hard to find philanthropic funding to back our efforts. The following supporters believe in our educational program and have granted gifts totaling \$70,000 to date to help us make this vision a reality.

- William H. Hurt Foundation
- The Morning Glory Family Foundation
- Individual Donors

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The Field Semester Sample Annual Calendar

August 2016						
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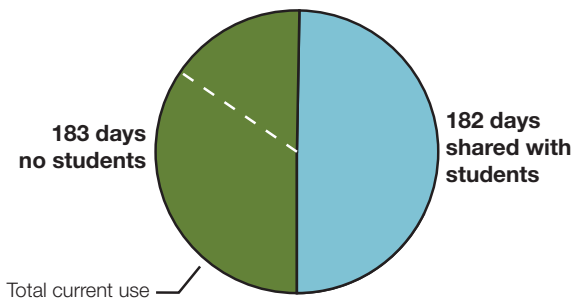
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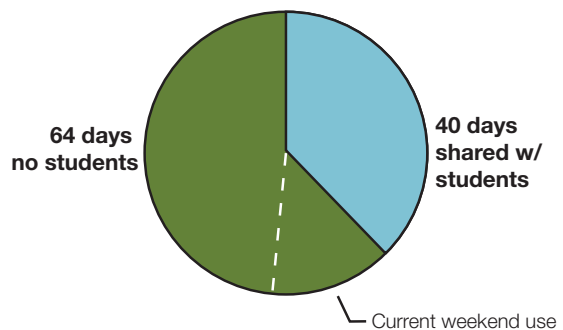
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No Students Present
 Semester & Community Use Overlap

TOTAL DAYS



WEEKEND DAYS



The Field Semester: Sample Week Schedule

	SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY				
7:00 AM	Students	Community	Students	Community	Students	Community	Students	Community	Students	Community	Students	Community	Students	Community			
7:30 AM	Study and Dorm Time	Available	Chores and Breakfast	Available	Chores and Breakfast	Available	Chores and Breakfast	Available	Chores and Breakfast	Available	Chores and Breakfast	Available	Chores and Breakfast	Available			
8:00 AM			History		Math		Science		History		Literature		Adventure Trips/Community Involvement/Campus Time				
8:30 AM			Science		Science		Math		Literature		History						
9:00 AM	Brunch	Available	Literature	Available	Student Visit Period Classrooms and Tour TFS Student Projects	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Lunch	Available			
9:30 AM			Lunch										Chores		Chores	Lunch	Chores
10:00 AM			Lunch										Chores		Chores	Lunch	Chores
10:30 AM	Adventure Trips/Community Involvement/Campus Time	Available	School Meeting	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Chores	Available			
11:00 AM			Campus/Projects										Elective		Campus/Projects	Elective	Campus/Projects
11:30 AM			Campus/Projects										Elective		Campus/Projects	Elective	Campus/Projects
12:00 PM	FIELD SEMESTER-HOSTED Open Gallery: Student Art in Auditorium	Available	Math	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Lunch	Available			
12:30 PM			Language										Literature		History	Math	Science
1:00 PM			Language										Activities		Language	Language	Language
1:30 PM	Dinner/Cookout	Available	Chores and Dinner	Community Organization Meetings	Chores and Dinner	Available	Chores and Dinner	Available	Chores and Dinner	Available	Chores and Dinner	Available	Chores	Available			
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3:00 PM	Study-Hall	Available	Study-Hall	Community Organization Meetings	Advising	Available	Study-Hall	Town Movie Night	Study-Hall	Available	Yoga Class	FIELD SEMESTER-HOSTED community dinner+lecture Guest Lecturer from UC Berkeley, Native Grasses and Habitat Health	Chores and Dinner	Available			
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