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LEAF

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Matter of Trust

Join Eco-Enthusiasts
for Renewable Resources



A Summer Adventure in Ecology For Kids Who Will Shape The Future!

LEAF at a Glance

10 days - (Monday-Friday) from 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

Age Group - Middle Schoolers

Group Size - 1:10 adult-to-child ratio for high caliber instruction

Tuition - \$599 for 10 days - A local funder is providing scholarships -- please apply

Food - Healthy snacks included, please bring your lunch

Field-Trip Transportation - Provided via school bus, public transportation and walking

LEAF Academy Summer 2014

Course Themes:

Unit 1 - FOOD

Unit 2 - WATER

Location:

Matter of Trust Eco-Center
3338 17th St. San Francisco, CA 94110

Dates:

Session I: July 7th - July 18th

Session II: July 21st - August 1st

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Apply online today! leaf@matteroftrust.org

For Rising 6th - 8th Graders

At the LEAF Academy, we're passionate about helping kids develop a deeper **understanding** of and **appreciation** for ecology. That's why we offer a dynamic 10-day summer program designed to **inspire** your child to help make the world a better place.

We believe kids **learn** best by doing, therefore every day at LEAF consists of authentic, **hands-on fieldwork**. Our campers interact with amazing scientists, engineers, and other professionals whose work helps make our planet more **sustainable**. We travel to both **urban** and natural sites, allowing kids to experience first-hand the wonders of **nature** and how interconnected it is to their lives. They come away profoundly **motivated** by what they've learned and ready to make a difference!

The Meaning of LEAF

LEADERSHIP

At LEAF, today's youth are empowered with the right tools and social skills to share environmental concepts effectively.

ECOLOGY

Each unit provides a deep understanding of natural systems, scientific principles and vocabulary.

ACTION

Students get valuable exposure to experts in the field and hands-on experiences designed to enhance their perspectives on ecology.

FELLOWSHIP

Our unique adventures help kids form natural friendship bonds, team building and strong communities!



LEAF kids feel empowered

Like no other generation, today's young people will face global environmental challenges. LEAF was created to help kids tackle these obstacles head on by giving them a deeper understanding of the connections between ecological systems and human activity. Our first-hand experiences show middle schoolers that responsible stewardship is vital to every community.

Part Camp, Part Academy

LEAF kids learn about ecology in fun and meaningful ways.

We divide our 10-day program into two 5-day unit themes. The first one studies the ecology of the FOOD cycle. The second one focuses on the WATER cycle, while reinforcing how interconnected it is with food. Upon graduation from a unit, kids earn a certificate. In future, they can move on to units for AIR, RENEWABLE RESOURCES, ENERGY, and HEALTH. Each unit supports the next and refers to the one before, building a comprehensive perspective on ecology.



From Journal to PowerPoint and beyond...

We value presentation skills. That's why kids learn how to present their ideas through LEAF Journals, surveys, slideshows, videos, poster boards, dioramas, power points, game boards, blogs, vlogs and more. They come away with vital presentation tools they can use in school and in life.



LEAF cultivates leaders

On the last day of each course, kids give presentations in small groups. They use their own words to describe their projects and display an understanding of glossary terms. We then have a mini-graduation and celebration for family and friends. LEAF graduates earn alumni status, and can mentor newcomers at future LEAF Academies. Our goal is to cultivate a fellowship of active leaders in ecology.



Space is limited. Apply Today!

All middle schoolers are eligible to attend a LEAF Academy. There are only 50 spaces available, so we encourage you to submit an application sooner rather than later. A local funder is providing scholarships -- please apply.

Top 5 Reasons Parents and Kids Love Summer LEAF Academy:

- Two vital ecological courses, back to back
- Compelling and inspirational field trip experiences
- An amazing staff — with teachers and staff specially trained in LEAF Academy curriculum
- Group projects that boost confidence for designing and implementing solutions
- Fun with new friends for the school year and beyond!