

June 13, 2023

## Got Camp?



As we head into summer break, many of us will be planning camping trips with our family and friends. These trips provide us with an opportunity to unplug, connect with nature, and enjoy the great outdoors. Unfortunately, some Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) students have never had the opportunity to experience the majesty of our national parks and scenic camping grounds. Indeed, the opportunity to marvel at California's magnificent redwood trees, explore tide pools, or see the ocean waves crash upon our many beaches has been inaccessible for underprivileged students.

**The Mt. Diablo Education Foundation believes that all our students deserve to experience the great outdoors.** Outdoor education is more than just pitching a tent and toasting marshmallows over a campfire; it's about connecting with nature and creating positive associations between learning and fun. Early exposure to the natural environment enhances a child's interest in science and environmental stewardship, creating a solid foundation for the future.

**The Mt. Diablo Education Foundation has partnered with Exploring New Horizons** to provide

outdoor education to students in the MDUSD who do not normally have access to this opportunity. Through fundraising of their own, Exploring New Horizons offers partial scholarships to help offset the cost of overnight outdoor education programs that strengthen school communities while accelerating environmental and emotional literacy. We are fundraising to bridge the gap between the scholarship amount and the actual cost of attendance for one or more of our Title 1 school sites. **Our fundraising goal for one school is \$10,000.**

So, before you finalize your vacation plans, will you **join us** in ensuring that we can provide an opportunity for more of our students to experience what so many of us take for granted? 100% of the funds raised during this campaign will go towards funding this life-changing experience for our students.

Sincerely, Mt. Diablo Education Foundation

**[Got Camp Fever? – Donate Here Today](#)**

Learn more about the programs we fund by reading our latest newsletter, [2023 Spring Newsletter](#)

You can learn more about **Exploring New Horizons** and their outdoor education program by viewing this video: [Exploring New Horizons](#)