

# **YMCA's MISSION & OUTDOOR EDUCATION GOALS**

## **Mission:**

The YMCA of San Francisco builds strong kids, strong families, and strong communities by enriching the lives of all people in spirit, mind, and body.

## **Vision:**

The Point Bonita YMCA provides life-changing nature programs that develop community responsibility and respect for our environment.

## **YMCA of San Francisco Inclusion Statement:**

We are committed to building equity through our diversity, inclusion and global engagement efforts. We work to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, age, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, income, national origin, race or sexual orientation has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

## **Outdoor Education Goals:**

To encourage students to be Ambassadors of the Environment, we will:

- Provide a safe, meaningful, fun outdoor learning experience.
- Build community and collaborative relationships.
- Inspire inquiry and wonder while aligning with state and national standards.
- Develop students' knowledge of and respect for the natural world.
- Empower students to be environmental stewards and engaged citizens.
- Encourage students to make healthy living choices for themselves and the planet.

## **Outdoor Education Outcomes:**

Students will:

- Gain comfort exploring natural areas.
- Improve their communication, cooperation, and conflict-resolution skills.
- Better understand and use concepts from Next Generation Science Standards.
- Increase grade-specific knowledge of natural history and ecological concepts.
- Deepen their appreciation for the natural world.
- Be more aware of their individual ability to impact the environment.
- Understand and improve their overall sense of wellness (including physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and environmental wellness).

## **YMCA Areas of Focus**

Point Bonita YMCA promotes:

- Youth Development
- Social Responsibility
- Healthy Living

## **YMCA Core Values**

- Caring
- Honesty
- Respect
- Responsibility