

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

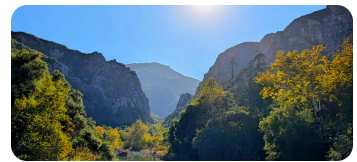
Why We Take Every Student to the Wilderness Every Year

Outdoor education is one of the most important things we do at ECHSG. Our students experience fresh air, unspoiled vistas, and starry skies —they learn that wilderness and public lands belong to all of us and that preserving our state and national parks is everyone's responsibility.

Students hike, carry a pack, observe natural phenomena, and try kayaking. Students realize they can achieve challenges they did not expect to meet. In the wilderness, ecosystems and environmental concepts students study in class become real. Cooking, hiking, and supporting one another build community that continues when they return to campus, and students get to know their teachers and staff away from the formality of school.

Outdoor education is a mandatory part of the ECHSG program. We expect every single student to participate. Please contact the school to discuss any concerns you have regarding outdoor education trips.

Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Principal, Environmental Charter High School, Gardena



This Year's Trips by Grade

Scan each code to complete your student's forms.

Grade 9 Catalina Island OCT 28-30, 2026

Forms due Sept. 30

A three-day marine science expedition with CELP.

Kayaking · Snorkeling · Environmental leadership · Hikes · Campfire · Beach cabins · Meals included



Permission Slip

Grade 10 Camp Whittle OCT 28-30, 2026

Forms due Sept. 30

Three days in the San Bernardino Mountains with Santa Barbara Adventures, at the YMCA's Camp Whittle in Fawnskin.

Rope courses · Hiking · Environmental stewardship · Dorm-style cabins · Meals included



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SBA Waiver



Whittle Waiver

Grade 11 Camp Gilmore NOV 4-6, 2026

Forms due Sept. 30

Three days in Malibu Canyon with Santa Barbara Adventures, connecting to nature and building outdoor skills.

Hiking · Environmental stewardship · Rope course · Team building · Cabins · Meals included



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SBA Waiver

Grade 12 Yosemite MAY 25-28, 2027

Forms due Jan. 30

Four days in Yosemite National Park, based at Curry Village — the capstone reflection trip.

Exploration · Reflection · Environmental leadership · Bonding · Cabins · Meals included



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Students are required to participate in wilderness trips. For questions, please contact Dr. Bernstein, beth_bernstein@ecsonline.org

Back to School Night and Family Engagement



The ECHSG Back to School Night event was lively and well-attended by many of our new and returning families. Families were able to interact with teachers and learn about their students' academic programs. Our Link Crew students helped families find their way.

PTA/Family Partnership

Join us to support student success — scan the survey to share your interest.

- Support school events
- Volunteer & lead
- Build connections
- Share ideas
- Help recruit new families

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Complete the survey

Black Family Association

Bi-monthly · 3rd Wednesdays · 5:15 PM · First meeting Sept 23, virtual

The purpose of the Black Family Association is to build a stronger bridge between school and home for our Black/African American students and families. Our goal is to partner with families to increase engagement, build community, access resources, and ensure that your voices are represented in the decisions that impact your students. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Cagnolatti (Harris) at: lacey_cagnolatti@ecsonline.org.

GET INVOLVED

- Winter Fest & Unity Fest
- Coffee with Admin
- Fundraising & outreach
- Earth Day · Guest speakers
- Graduation celebrations
- Black College Expo

FACILITATORS

Mrs. Cagnolatti · Dr. Grant · Ms. Azanni

BSU for Students

Tuesdays after school with Ms. Lasheal



Scan for our info form



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 29 Grade 9 Catalina information sessions
8:30 in person · 5:30 Zoom

SEP 30 Grade 10 camping parent information sessions
8:30 in person · 5:30 Zoom

OCT 8 Family Partnership meeting
8:30 a.m. · In person

OCT 12 Student-Free Day

OCT 22-23 Student Led Conferences
All families · Minimum days

OCT 28-30 Grade 9 — Catalina Island

OCT 28-30 Grade 10 — Camp Whittle
Fawnskin, San Bernardino Mountains

NOV 4-6 Grade 11 — Camp Gilmore
Calabasas, Malibu Canyon