

## **Trout in the Classroom** **Sponsored by Kaweah Fly Fishers** **Trout Release Field Trips**

These schedules apply to field trips other than those at River Ridge Ranch

I'm attaching a couple of sample schedules for release field trips you can review. These are pretty typical, but don't think you're restricted to what we offer. You can also do your own stations for things such as journaling, drawing –several children brought cameras last year, suggesting an interest in photography. Kaweah Flyfishers volunteers do up to four stations, but we will probably not have enough volunteers for more than 2. The other stations can be led by teachers or parent volunteers. You can pick and choose and add your own innovations.

It's also fun to provide time for Hooks and Ladders (see your teacher's packet from the DFG), which involves all the students in a single game, rather than split into teams.

We require our classes to include time for clean up, too. This could be an opportunity for a "clean-up the planet" kind of activity. The grounds need to be policed for pencils, lunch sacks, and even micro-trash (small pieces of plastic or metal) that can harm wildlife.

We strongly suggest that you split your students into teams prior to getting off the bus. It will save time once they're on the ground. Our most successful teachers have the students line up in their teams as they get off the bus. They're given instructions about where the learning stations are, how to move from one station to the next at the sound of the air horn (one of our volunteers sounds the time changes) and where to find the restrooms. We like at least 2 adults with each team and they should stay with the team throughout the activities.

Feel free to call or email if you have questions.

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### **Teacher or parent staffed:**

**Story Writing:** Write a short story about your favorite thing in Trout in the Classroom.

**Art Station:** Draw a wildflower or a scene of our surroundings. Look through a frame formed with your hands, then draw what you see inside the square.

### **Kaweah Flyfishers Staffed:**

**Aquatic Insects:** Identification of insects and other aquatic animals from local rivers.

**Fly Casting:** Instruction for those students who wish to try it. Some may prefer to just watch. Kaweah Flyfishers brings fly fishing equipment (without hooks.)

**Soils & Sediments:** Learn about the different parts of soil that make up a streambed or the bottom of a stream)

**Water Quality:** Determine the dissolved oxygen content, the pH (acidity-alkalinity) and other characteristics of the water in the stream.

### **Group Activities:**

**Hooks & Ladders Game:** Migrating salmon and steelhead must get past the turbines, eagles, fishermen, bears and waterfalls to return to their native stream to spawn. Often time is short and this game cannot be played during the field trip.

**Clean-up time.** Required.

**One elementary class example**  
**Approx. 30 students**  
**Activity Schedule for Trout-Fry-Release Field Trip**

<b>Mr. Teacher's 5th Grade Class</b>				
<b>Times</b>	<b>Team 1</b>	<b>Team 2</b>	<b>Team 3</b>	<b>Team 4</b>
9:30 - 9:55	Arrival and Orientation. Split into teams.			
10:00 - 10:23	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting	Aquatic Insects	Water Quality & Fish Release
10:25 - 10:48	Water Quality & Fish Release	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting	Aquatic Insects
10:50 - 11:13	Aquatic Insects	Water Quality & Fish Release	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting
11:15 - 11:37	Fly Casting	Aquatic Insects	Water Quality & Fish Release	Soils, Sediments
11:40 - 12:20	Lunch			
12:20 - 12:50	Teacher led games such as Hooks and Ladders			
12:55 - 1:15	Art or Journal Writing (A teacher led activity)			
1:15-1:25	Caring for the Planet (clean up the area)			
1:30	Depart			

## 60 - 90 student Elementary Trout Release Field Trip

	Teacher 1			Teacher 2		
Times	Blue	Red	Yellow	Purple	Orange	Green
9:30 AM	Arrive, Hike to Activity Area, Orientation					
9:45 to 10:08	Aquatic Insects	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting	Water Qual, Fish Release	Art	Writing
10:10 to 10:33	Writing	Aquatic Insects	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting	Water Qual, Fish Release	Art
10:35 to 10:58	Art	Writing	Aquatic Insects	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting	Water Qual, Fish Release
11:00 to 11:23	Water Qual, Fish Release	Art	Writing	Aquatic Insects	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting
11:25 to 11:48	Fly Casting	Water Qual, Fish Release	Art	Writing	Aquatic Insects	Soils, Sediments
11:50 to 12:13	Soils, Sediments	Fly Casting	Water Qual, Fish Release	Art	Writing	Aquatic Insects
12:15 to 12:45	Lunch					
12:45 to 1:15	Teacher led games such as Hooks and Ladders					
1:15-1:25	Caring for the Planet (Clean up activity areas) Load up the bus.					
1:30 PM	Depart					