

CAMP JONES GULCH YMCA

CAMP JONES GULCH HAS BEEN THE HOME TO YMCA OF SAN FRANCISCO'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & CLIMATE JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR THE LAST 80 YEARS.

It provides the perfect environment for people of all ages to learn about the natural world around them, especially the vital role of the old-growth California redwood grove in which camp is located, including:



California's redwood forests filter trillions of gallons of water, providing clean and sustainable drinking water



Mature redwoods are highly resistant to decay, even dead and fallen trees will store carbon for centuries



Our mature coastal redwood forest is a forest that can withstand most wildfires

This year, we committed to a partnership with the Sempervirens Fund.

To permanently protect Camp Jones Gulch's 928 acres of inspiring and vital forest, creeks, and habitat from outside logging and development, Sempervirens purchased a conservation easement for **\$9.625 million**.

The relationship provides both preservation of Camp Jones Gulch and its surrounding old growth redwood grove in perpetuity.



THE PARTNERSHIP ENABLES US TO INCREASE OUR VISITORSHIP FROM 12,000 TO 18,000 PEOPLE INCLUDING: SAN MATEO COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENTS, FAMILIES, CORPORATE RETREATS AND PRIVATE GROUPS



UPGRADED BATHROOMS, WALKWAYS AND BOARDWALKS THROUGH THE FOREST WILL MAKE THE CAMP ADA COMPLIANT AND PROVIDE GREATER TRAIL ACCESSIBILITY



ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS BEING PLACED UNDERGROUND TO AID IN FIRE PREVENTION



SOLAR PANELING IS BEING INSTALLED TO PRIORITIZE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND REDUCE ENERGY COST

A conservation easement and partnership with Sempervirens and the YMCA will ensure perpetual monitoring and implementation of a Stewardship Plan to:



Enhance and restore forest health



Reduce the threat of wildfire



Promote climate resiliency across multiple wildlife habitats

The deep investment of these partnerships makes it possible to work on envisioning the future sustainability of camp and the property for the next 80 years.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CLIMATE JUSTICE PROGRAMS IMPACT

Camp Jones Gulch is just one of several different YMCA of San Francisco Environmental Education and Climate Justice programs, including Bold & Gold and Y Rangers.



This year, over **12,400 people** of all ages participated in Outdoor Enrichment opportunities to build healthy habits and meaningful connections to nature.