



# 39th Annual Range and Natural Resources Camp

**When:**  
June 18-23, 2023

**Where:**  
Elkus Ranch  
Half Moon Bay, CA

**How much:**  
\$750  
(sponsorships accepted)  
**Applications Due:**  
May 1, 2023

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## **RANGE CAMP IS IN PERSON! APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR WEBSITE**

Thank you for your interest in the California Range and Natural Resources Camp (Range Camp).

This program is organized by UCCE Livestock and Natural Resource Advisors and Cal Poly Range professor. Our goal has been to introduce students to the professional world of plant, animal, and landscape management. To do this we invite experts in scientific disciplines related to wildlife, forestry, rangeland, and plants, as well as experienced

professionals who are involved in managing resources of these kinds on a daily basis. We aim to make the camp a fun experience for the campers, and interesting as well. One of our goals is to send you home with a useful understanding of the great diversity of career opportunities that are available, and the different paths through colleges and universities that can take you there.

The camp is run by a group of volunteers who take our personal

time to organize each year's event and serve as primary staff for all or parts of the camp week. We do our best to limit costs to the greatest extent we can without undermining the educational and social experience of the program.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Range Camp staff at [rangecamp@ucanr.edu](mailto:rangecamp@ucanr.edu)

### **Information & Applications :**

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/rangecamp/>

### **Contacts**

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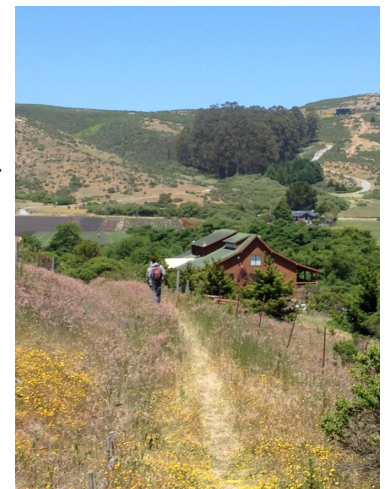
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## **What is Range Camp?**

Range Camp is a week long program that consists of lectures, hands on activities, a ranch tour, BBQ at the beach, group projects, a plant identification test, and a final exam. At the end of camp the three Top Campers are invited to represent CalPac SRM at the annual Society for Range Management's High School Youth Forum.

During camp campers should expect to do hands on projects each day associated with lectures that

often includes digging a soils pit to examine and compare soils, hiking local trails to learn plant families and names, completing an inventory of a local stream to determine creek health, learning wildlife survey techniques, etc.



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## Where is Range Camp Held?

Range Camp is held in Half Moon Bay, California on the University of California Cooperative Extension's Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center. Please note that applications should NOT be submitted directly to Elkus Ranch. For additional information regarding Elkus Ranch please visit [http://ucanr.edu/sites/elkus\\_ranch/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/elkus_ranch/).

## Eligibility

Age requirement: In order to be considered for Range Camp the applicant must still be in high school, but have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade by the start of camp. Students who will have graduated high school before Jan 2024 will not be eligible to attend the High School Youth Forum, in the event they win the Top Camper contest.

## Camp Cost

The camp fee is \$750.00. This includes meals, lodging, recreation, and transportation costs while at camp. Transportation to camp from the camper's home on Sunday and

returning from camp on Friday is not included in the camp fee. Arrangements can be made with the camp staff to shuttle campers between the camp and

the San Francisco Airport or the Emeryville Train Station. Emergency medical insurance is provided through UCANR.

## Sponsorship

Majority of camper receive sponsorship from local organizations, such as Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) to cover the camp fee. We encourage all campers being sponsored to give a presentation to the board of the sponsoring organization after camp

is over. This helps the board members understand what Range Camp is and can help interested participants in the future get sponsorship.

Range Camp will help facilitate coordination with local organizations but it is up to the appli-

cant to develop and secure those relationships.

Students who would like help finding sponsors should contact [rangecamp@ucanr.edu](mailto:rangecamp@ucanr.edu)

## Applications

On average, about 25 campers from across California and Hawaii attend camp each year. Those students not selected for this year's camp are encouraged to apply for future camps.

Application for Range Camp is on the Camp's website: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/rangecamp>

All forms that need to be included are also found there, and can be uploaded with your application.

Applications are completed online, including the required liability, medical release, and photo release forms. Please make sure all forms are uploaded.

### Applicant Selection

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| Space is limited to 20-25 students each year.              | previous year's waiting list                                 | sentativeness (including HI students)                         | 5) Gender equity |
| Applicants are selected based upon the following criteria: | 2) Senior students given priority (last year of eligibility) | 4) Preference given to those who have not attended previously |                  |
| 1) Carried over from                                       | 3) Regional repre-   |   |                  |

### Camp Daily Life

Range camp involves lectures and activities, including a group project and presentation at the end of camp. Example below is from previous years. Current year's schedule may differ.

Sunday	Arrival and Registration GPS and Orienteering
Monday	Introduction to Rangelands Tour of Elkus Youth Ranch & Plant Collection
Tuesday	Products and Uses of Rangelands: Livestock, Wildlife, Recreation, Soils, Water, Fisheries Forestry and Vegetation
Wednesday	Management and Improvement Techniques: Water, Fencing, Seeding and Fertilization, and Grazing Management Systems Ranch Tour and Beach Barbeque
Thursday	Public and Private Land Management Comprehensive & Plant Identification Field Projects: Range Production and Improvement, Erosion Control, Wildlife and Riparian Management "Town Hall" Meeting - group presentations
Friday	Graduation, Evaluation & Awards Camp Clean-up



### Awards: Top Campers

**All Campers Receive:**  
Certificate of Completion  
T-Shirt  
Water bottle

#### TOP CAMPER

#### First & Second Place

All expense paid invitation to be one of CalPac Section's dele-

gates at the Society for Range Management's Annual High School Youth Forum.

#### Third Place

Invitation to be one of CalPac Section's delegates at the HSYF.

(Third place delegate must cover their own

travel and registration expenses but Range Camp can help find sponsorship opportunities if needed)

### 2024 High School Youth Forum

Reno, NV  
February 2024

Delegates must be a high school student for the school year 2023-2024 to be eligible to attend the HSYF.

<https://rangelands.org/students/high-school-youth-forum-papers/>

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*"I enjoyed bonding  
and meeting great  
new people."  
-Camper*

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## Camper Sponsorship in the past has been provided by:

### Resource Conservation Districts:

Antelope Valley  
East Stanislaus  
Glenn  
Greater San Diego  
Inland Empire  
Mojave Desert  
Monterey  
Nevada County  
NW Kern  
Tehachapi  
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas  
Ventura  
West Stanislaus  
Yolo



### Other Sponsoring Organizations:

Center for Land-Based  
Learning (CLBL)  
  
Mojave Environmental  
Education Consortium  
(MEEC)  
  
Various CA Cattlemen's  
Associations  
  
Yolo County Office of  
Education



## Supporting Organizations

University of California Cooperative Extension  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management  
University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural  
Resources  
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
California Native Grassland Association  
U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

