
The 2007 Range and Natural Resources Camp, sponsored by the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management and the University of California Cooperative Extension, will be held at the Elkus Youth Ranch near Half Moon Bay, California. The camp will begin with registration on Sunday, June 17th at 1:00 P.M. and end on Friday, June 22nd after lunch.

PURPOSE

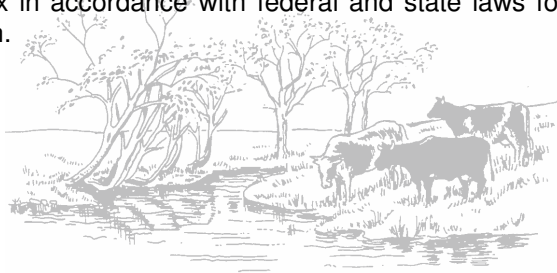
Range Camp is designed to provide teenagers with an appreciation of the extent, importance and value of California's rangelands and natural resources. Range Camp fosters an appreciation for several fields of applied science and management through interaction with university faculty and experienced professionals in classroom and field activities.

PROGRAM

Ecology and practical land management skills are emphasized, especially plant identification, livestock management, wildlife, forestry, fire, soils, water resources, rangeland analysis and improvement. Sessions by specialists are given every morning and afternoon, and include both indoor lectures and outdoor activities. Campers are tested at the end of the week to determine their understanding of the materials presented. The top three campers are given certificates and awards. The top two campers will be awarded a trip to compete in a public speaking contest at our national meeting in Louisville, KY, January 27-31, 2008. The 3rd highest camper will be invited to participate as well, but travel costs will be their responsibility. To be eligible to attend, delegates must still be in high school through Jan 2008.

ELIGIBILITY

Young men and women, ages 15-18 by June 10, 2007, with a sincere interest in the management of our natural resources are eligible. Selection is made without regard to race, creed, origin, or sex in accordance with federal and state laws for affirmative action.



CAMP FACILITIES

Elkus Youth Ranch is operated by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Counselors for each cabin and camp cooks are provided. Emergency medical insurance is included.

COST

The camp fee is \$350.00. This includes meals, lodging, recreation, emergency medical insurance at camp 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.

Individuals may pay their own way or obtain a sponsor to underwrite the camp fee. Past Sponsors have included Resource Conservation Districts, livestock and farm producer organizations, banks, chambers of commerce, agribusiness, service clubs, and others having funds for educational purposes. In addition, sponsors are invited to submit applications for one or more young people to attend this camp. There are no restrictions on the number of applications submitted by a Resource Conservation District or other sponsor.

SELECTION

Farm advisors, 4-H staff and leaders, Resource Conservation District boards and vocational / agricultural instructors are asked to take the initiative in selecting delegates to send to camp. Sponsoring organizations and individuals are encouraged to develop their own method of selection. The following criteria are suggestions that may be helpful.

1. Demonstration of leadership ability and good citizenship.
2. Willingness to work and learn while at camp.
3. Commitment to report on their camp experience upon returning home.
4. Achievements in activities related to rangeland / natural resource management and/or environmental science.
5. Involvement in 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, demonstrated interest in natural resource-related disciplines.
6. Academic skills in agriculture, environmental science and/or biology.

CAMP DATES

June 17-22, 2007

APPLICATION DEADLINE May 14, 2007

APPLICATION SELECTION

Camp is limited to 25 applicants each year.

Applicants are selected based upon the following criteria:

- 1) Previous year's waiting list
 - 2) Representation from RCDs / regions
 - 3) Time Deadline
 - 4) Preference given to first-time campers.
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DAILY ACTIVITIES (actual schedule may vary)

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

APPLICATIONS

The camp is limited to 25 campers. All applicants will be notified of their selection by May 31st. Those students not selected for this year's camp are encouraged to apply for future camps.

Applications for the Range and Natural Resources Camp can be obtained by contacting your local Cooperative Extension Office, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 4-H or FFA club or Resource Conservation District (RCD). Applications can also be obtained from:

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AWARDS

First Place

Belt Buckle

*Trip to International Society for Range Management Meeting, to participate in a concurrent High School Youth Forum (HSYF):
Louisville, KY – January 2008

Second Place

Belt Buckle

*Trip to International Society for Range Management Meeting, to participate in a concurrent High School Youth Forum (HSYF):
Louisville, KY – January 2008

Third Place

Belt Buckle

*Invitation to International Society for Range Management Meeting, to participate in HSYF:
Louisville, KY – January 2008
(must cover own travel)

All Campers

Certificate of Completion
T-Shirt

***Please note,
Must be a high school student for the school year 2007-2008 to be eligible to attend the HSYF.**

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Resource Conservation Districts:

Alameda	Sacramento
Antelope	Solano
Butte Valley/Lava Beds	San Joaquin
Cachuma	San Mateo, Host RCD
Coarsegold	Shasta Valley
Coastal San Luis	Sierra
Colusa	Siskiyou
Contra Costa	Sloughhouse
Fall River	Southern Sonoma
Florin	Stanislaus
Glenn	Sutter
Inland Empire West	Tehama
Inyo-Mono	Tehachapi
Kern	Trinity West
Mission	Upper Salinas/Las Tablas
Napa	Westside
North-West Kern	Yolo
Valley	Yuba

Additional Supporting Organizations:

Elkus Youth Ranch FARMS Leadership, Inc

Driscoll Ranches East Bay Parks

Cal Poly SLO Mindego Ranch
Swanton-Pacific
Ranch



23rd ANNUAL RANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP



June 17-22, 2007
Elkus Youth Ranch
Half Moon Bay, California

**Photos, Brochures and Applications are available
WWW.CASRM.ORG**

Sponsored by:

California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management

University of California Cooperative Extension

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

U.S. Navy – Natural Resources Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Natural Resources Conservation Service

East Bay Municipal Utility District

Hosting Resource Conservation District: San Mateo County RCD