Every moment is a learning moment at Nature's Classroom Institute. We motivate students in ways they don't even realize they are learning. Instead of looking out the window at nature – we teach there!

Our goal is to incorporate the whole environment, teaching through the elements of the world around us.

Our classes are engaging through every step of the program and include your classroom curriculum to keep it relevant to your class goals.

Pescadero, California

NCI’s second mountain site is in the Santa Cruz Mountains at Pescadero, and conveniently located 25 miles from Silicon Valley and 90 minutes from San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose. Nestled among giant, ancient Redwoods, NCI Pescadero is only 15 minutes from the Pacific Ocean and offers a myriad of covered trails, Redwood forest, ocean and estuary exploration and full access to Memorial Park for a true mountain, forest and marine experience.
Why NCI?
Nature’s Classroom Institute is the very best in environmental education. We develop tomorrow’s leaders through self discovery, collaboration and a deep thirst for learning.

Our program encompasses team building, individual independence, experiential outdoor learning while including the current classroom curriculum of history, mathematics, science, art and writing.

NCI motivates the students to continually learn by teaching through creative and progressive methods.

We build a framework that leads to specific goals and objectives and then, guiding along the way, allow each student the freedom to choose their own path, based upon their natural motivations, curiosities and learning styles.

Explore your opportunity to follow the interests of your students and exceed standards with customized experiences.

Why Pescadero?
• Featuring fully winterized cabins, a large, full glass dining room and curriculum space. The facility offers both students and staff a variety of comfortable cabin accommodations.
• Offers mountain and terrain hiking trails, Redwood forests, abundant with life, the streams that run through the area offer an exception experience for students.
• A wide range of ecosystems from Western Sycamores, Black Cottonwood, White Adler and California Box-Elder trees which offer cooling shade for river inhabitants, Banana slugs and fauna.
• Opportunity to explore the Pacific Coast with coastal tidal pools, marsh and estuary ecosystems just 15 min from our site.
• Escape the busy Bay Area and experience a true environmental program where students have the opportunity to explore this spectacular place, “A true redwood experience.”

Benefits of NCI
• Teachers discover new ways to reach your students and elevate your relationships.
• NCI enhances community, enthusiasm, and excitement for learning in the classroom.
• Veteran staff to present and customize curriculum for each school.
• Pre-program guidance and planning.
• Students enjoy a unique educational experience that motivates them to learn.
• Students gain new independence and confidence to help them succeed, grow and become leaders.
• Funding options and guidance.