

# **The Sacramento Area Creeks Council Presents:**

## **Mini-Grants for Art/Science Mentoring Projects**

**CREEKS** naturally attract children of all ages. They are just about the right size body of water for easy exploration. With flowing water, wooded banks, a variety of wildlife - combined with a ready-made fascination - local creeks are an ideal resource for teaching science concepts and inspiring student creativity.



### **Funds are Available**

**The Sacramento Area Creeks Council (SACC)** wants to help older students learn about local creeks & then share that knowledge with younger students by providing up to \$500 in grant funding for team-teaching projects.

**Who May Apply?** All K-12 educators at schools within Sacramento County may apply for a grant.

**How to Apply** Go to the Sacramento Area Creeks Council website, <http://www.saccreeks.org/> to find resources and to fill out the simple on-line grant application. Go to <http://www.creekweek.net> to learn more about Creek Week.

**Project Guidelines:** (All projects to culminate with art by elementary age students depicting a creek scene)

- Should include 1 Visual Art and 1 Science teacher
- Students from two different grade levels at least 2 years apart (younger partners to be no older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Same or neighboring schools
- Paintings from younger students may be submitted for consideration for the Creek Week 2015 logo.
- Student Art must be highlighted at a school/district-sponsored public exhibit.

### **Examples of possible projects**

- Take a buddy field trip to a creek. Identify creek plants, animals and features, make sketches and take photos.
- Older students teach lessons from the Dipping Into Creeks mini-curriculum, available through SACC, or lessons from Project WET.
- Develop and teach a reading/writing lesson using the creek environment as the topic.
- Survey and test the water quality of a creek near school.



### **Deadline for Application & Project Submission**

Applications are due no later than September 26, 2014. Grantees will be notified by October 14, 2014.

Funds will be distributed by October 28, 2014.

Projects must be completed and art submitted no later than December 12, 2014.

**Questions?** Please call Alta Tura at (916) 454-4544 or <http://saccreeks.org/education/mini-grants/>