

Range and Natural Resources Youth Camp

Society for Range Management
California-Pacific Section



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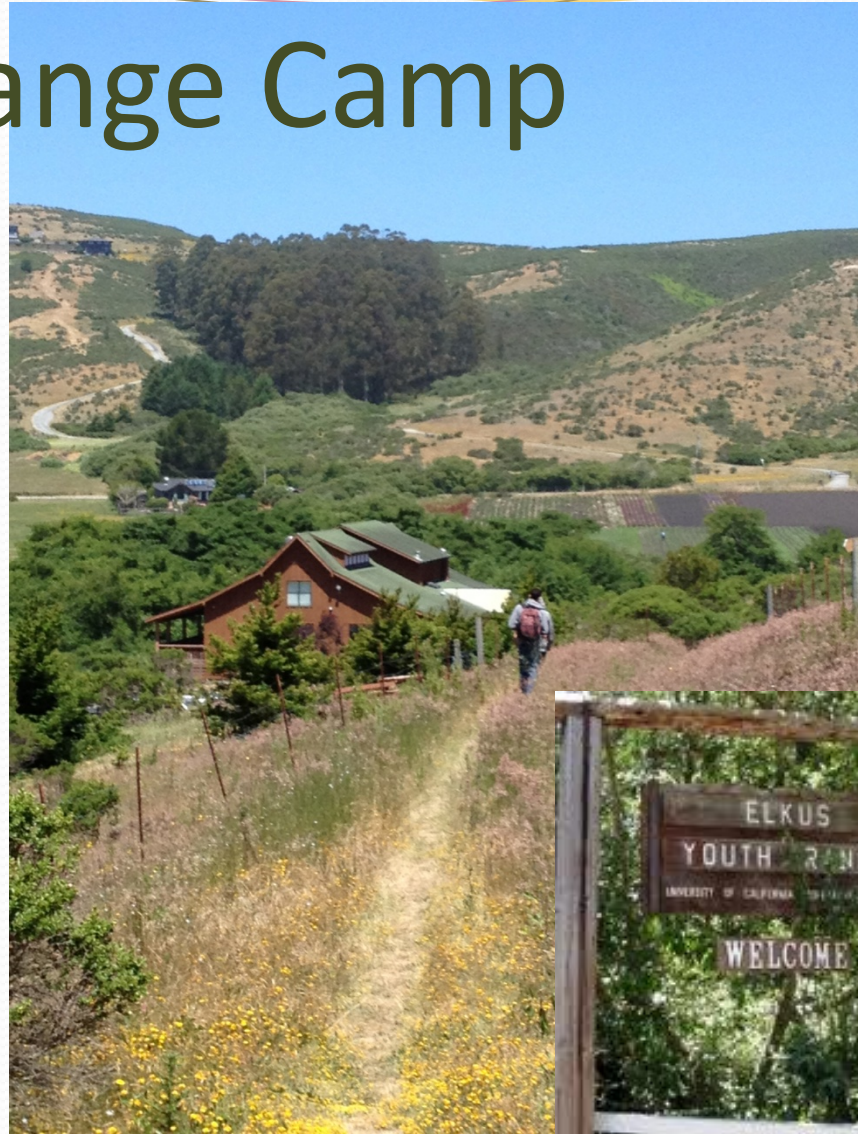
A group of people, including students and professionals, are walking through tall, golden-brown grass on a hillside. The scene is set under a clear blue sky. The people are dressed in casual outdoor attire, and some are carrying backpacks. The overall atmosphere is one of a field trip or a group hike in a natural setting.

Mission Statement

The mission of Range Camp is to provide high school students with a foundation in the physical and biological sciences that inform us about natural resources and guide our management of them. Range Camp also allows campers to interact with university faculty and career professionals, providing the opportunity to learn about rangeland and natural resource management education and career options.

Overview of Range Camp

- University of California Cooperative Extension's Elkus Youth Ranch
- Established in 1984
- High School student ages 15-18.
- Average Camp size:
25 campers



Speakers & Staff

- Conservation Organizations
- Center for Land Based Learning
- NRCS
- RCDs
- UC Cooperative Extension
- US Navy
- Private Consultants

University Involvement:

- CalPoly
- Humboldt State
- UC Berkeley



Camp Topics

- Range Ecology
- Rangeland Monitoring
- Grazing and Animal Nutrition
- Livestock and Ranch Management



Got Range?



Purissima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve

Riparian Ecology
Stream Morphology
Forestry
Fire Ecology

Elkus Ranch

- GPS & Orienteering
- Botany/Plant Identification
- Wildlife
- Soil Science and Watersheds
- Geology and Geomorphology



Activities

- Ranch Tour
- Beach BBQ
- Elkus Ranch Service Projects
- Teambuilding Activities



Town Hall Meeting

Purpose:

This activity is designed to be the capstone exercise where the campers work together to apply all fields of natural resources that they learned throughout the week.

Activity:

Campers are divided into teams that represent special interest groups in the region. Campers are required to prepare a land management plan for Elkus Ranch and present their plan to the Town Council on the last evening of camp.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

San Mateo Grazer's Association

Acme Development Company

South Bay Conservancy

Purisima Land Trust

San Mateo Parks and Recreation



Top Camper



2010 Top Campers

- Range & Natural Resources Exam (50%)
- Plant Identification Exam (30%)
- Staff Evaluation (20%)
 - Enthusiasm
 - Cooperation
 - Participation



Camper Quotes...

“I just wanted to say that this is a really awesome camp. You have a great program and its taught me a lot of interesting things...You guys have a ton of passion and do really good things for a lot of people, me included. Thank you!”

~ *Amelia Clyatt*

“I had a wonderful time at Range Camp. It was a lot of fun, I learned a lot while I was there. I am so glad that I was able to go it was a experience that I will never forget. I would love to do it again if possible... Thanks for the opportunity.”

~*Angelica Valdez*

“The food is AMAZING.”

“I enjoyed bonding and meeting great new people.”

By the end of the first day, I was falling in love with range camp and everything I never knew California possessed... Range Camp has enlightened me. It has changed me.

It has permanently made me a “happy camper.”

~*Terilyn Chen*

“I’ll miss this place.”

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