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Range & Natural Resources Camp for High School Students Scholarship Application now Available – DUE April 22nd!

Glenn County Resource Conservation District seeks applications from high school students interested in attending "Range Camp".

Range and Natural Resources Camp is a week-long event that immerses students in 9th-12th grade in science and management topics related to the use and conservation of rangelands, forests, and riparian areas in California. Conducted by the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, students learn plant identification, as well as principles of livestock and wildlife management, forestry, fire ecology, hydrology and water quality, geology and soils, and management of stream and river habitats. Field activities include learning wildlife tracking methods, outdoor navigation using maps, compass and GPS, and participating in a tour of a working ranch. Sessions are led by faculty from the University of California, members of ranching families, staff from state and federal agencies, and private range management professionals.

This is a unique opportunity for students considering college to learn about fields of study in natural resources, or for students looking for job opportunities. Students are also able to talk with people working within the field of natural resources.

Interested Glenn County high school students must complete a two-part application process for a chance to earn a scholarship to attend Range Camp. 1) Fill out application and return to the RCD office by 4:00 p.m., April 22nd and 2) Participate in an interview the week of April 23-April 25, 2024.

In addition, if the opportunity arises, the Society for Range Management will sponsor the 'top two' campers to attend its annual conference in Spokane, WA February 9-13, 2025 (all expenses paid). What a fun experience!

The 40th Annual Range and Natural Resources Camp will be from June 16-21, 2024, at the University of California's Elkus Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay. Application forms and more information are available by visiting <u>www.glenncountyrcd.org</u> "RCD *Connects with Kids*" or at the NRCS/RCD office 132 North Enright Avenue, Suite C, Willows, CA 95988. ~