

Who We Are

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards), formerly known as Stewards of Slavianka, is a nonprofit interpretive organization that works in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in the Russian River District to provide the public with opportunities for personal inspiration, satisfaction, and nurturing of spirit and intellect through education and stewardship programs.

Stewards began in the early 1980s with grass-roots environmentalists and DPR staff working together. The Russian River District Cooperating Association, Stewards of Slavianka, was incorporated as a nonprofit public benefit corporation in 1985. In 2003, Stewards' members voted to change the name in order to increase funding and volunteer support through greater name recognition.

The State Parks Volunteers in Parks program depends on Stewards to provide funding for educational and interpretive activities, for resource management projects, and to assist in the development of interpretive facilities.

Our Mission

Promote education, preservation and restoration of the natural and cultural resources of Russian River area state parks through interpretation and stewardship in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Programs We Support

State Park Visitor Centers

- Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve
- Sonoma Coast State Park in Jenner
- Nature stores at both locations

Long-term goals include the renovation and expansion of current facilities and the development of a new facility in Sonoma Coast State Park.



Public Education Programs

- Campfire programs
- Guided nature walks
- Junior Rangers
- Seal Watch
- Tidepool roving naturalist
- Whale Watch

Volunteers share:

- Knowledge & information
- Love of nature
- Stewardship values



Resource Management and Restoration

The natural resources in our parks:

- Have been impacted by past land use practices
- Are in need of continuing restoration to bring them back to health

Stewards:

- Has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars through donations and grants to support resource management projects
- Develops partnerships with other private and public organizations to further these efforts



Volunteer projects include:

- Armstrong Trail Crew
- Sonoma Coast Citizen Action Team
 - Sonoma Coast Trail Crew
- Water quality monitoring
- Monthly marine debris monitoring and beach clean-ups
- Additional trail and restoration projects

Environmental Education School Programs

Over 5,000 students per year are served free of charge and have the opportunity to:

- Investigate and interact with the wonders of the intertidal zone
- Learn about watershed values through hands-on creek assessment projects
- Explore the ecology of an old-growth redwood forest
- Cultural and natural resource environmental living programs

Teachers receive free manuals and learning aides to support their curriculum goals.



Become a Steward of our Coast and Redwoods

Join us as a member and receive:

- Quarterly newsletter with interpretive articles and volunteer program updates
- 20% discounts at resale facilities
- Community involvement opportunities
- Free outings and special event discounts
- Invitation to our annual membership picnic and special events
- For a gift of \$500 or more annually your name will be added to one of our visitor center Osprey Circle plaques

Help Save Armstrong Grove Fund

- Supports ongoing restoration efforts in the Grove and Fife Creek watershed
- A special occasion gift of \$25 or more will be acknowledged to the honoree
- Commemorate a loved one with a \$500 gift and their name will be placed on a beautiful memorial plaque in the Armstrong Redwoods Visitor Center

Armstrong Grove Endowment Fund

- Donations fund the preservation of Armstrong Grove into perpetuity.

Planned Gifts & Bequests

- An estate gift is a wonderful way to support our programs—Call for details

Workplace Giving

- Check with your employer about matching gift programs
- Donate by way of a paycheck deduction

Sponsor an Event

- Stewards raises funds through special events which rely on sponsorships to defray costs

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods



SENIOR/STUDENT \$20
 INDIVIDUAL \$25
 FAMILY \$35
 CONTRIBUTING \$50
 SUPPORTING/BUSINESS \$100
 PATRON \$200+
 OSPREY CIRCLE \$500+

Please make checks payable to: Stewards

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED: \$ _____

OTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES
 Please accept an additional donation in the amount of \$ _____ for:

- General Stewards Support
- Help Save Armstrong Grove Fund
- Special Occasion Gift - \$25
- Memorial Donation - \$500
- Armstrong Grove Endowment Fund
- Special Event Sponsorship for:
 - Old Grove Festival
 - Golf Tournament
 - Contact me for prize donations

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
 RENEWAL EXP. DATE _____
 CREDIT CARD: VISA MC ACCT# _____ SIGNATURE _____

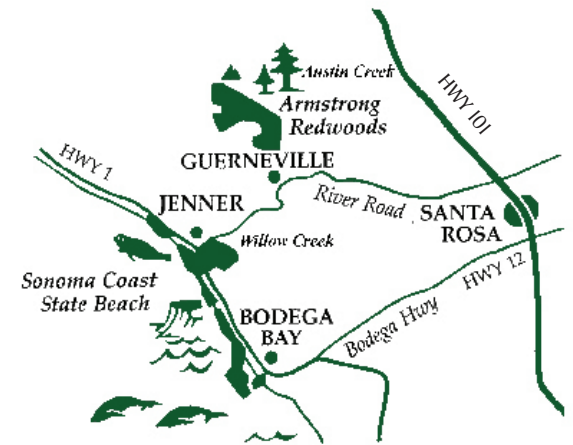


Primary Funding Sources

- Memberships
- Donations from individuals and corporations
- Resale of educational materials in visitor center nature stores
- Sale of firewood at state park campgrounds
- Grants
- Other fund development activities

75-80% of funding goes directly to supporting program activities.

Support us in achieving our mission!



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Organizational Profile

Stewards has:

- An active 10-15 member Board of Directors
- Membership of over 450 supporters
- An Executive Director, Executive Assistant, Programs Manager, and Admin. Assistant
- Active volunteer office staff

The Board of Directors is comprised of long-time volunteers, community members, local business professionals, and leaders in the fields of environmental education and restoration. All share a love of nature and a commitment to the preservation of the area's natural resources.

Stewards and DPR work in partnership to develop strategic plans and programs.



Goals & Objectives

- Expand the Volunteers in Parks (VIP) programs to provide high quality interpretation for park visitors
- Provide volunteer support and funding for education and resource management projects
- Upgrade and build new interpretive facilities
- Advocate for support and land acquisition for our state parks.

Community Involvement

Stewards:

- ◆ Sponsors interpretive talks and naturalist-led recreational activities
- ◆ Participates in local community events:
 - Seafood, Art, Wine, and Eco Festivals
 - Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival
 - Trails Jamboree
 - Environmental Stewardship Events
- ◆ Promotes fundraising activities:
 - Annual Old Grove Festival: Music and Theater
 - EcoAdventures
 - Raffles, Auctions, Games, and Dinners
 - Annual Golf Tournament
- ◆ Works in partnership with:
 - California League of Parks Association
 - California State Coastal Commission
 - California State Coastal Conservancy
 - California State Parks Foundation
 - Coastwalk
 - EcoRing
 - Department of Fish and Game
 - LandPaths
 - NOAA Fisheries Service
 - Trout Unlimited
 - Marine Mammal Center
 - The Ocean Conservancy
 - Russian River Chamber of Commerce
 - Russian River Watershed Council
 - Sonoma County Schools
 - Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
 - Sonoma County Regional Parks
 - Sonoma County Trails Council
 - Sonoma County Water Agency
 - Sonoma Land Trust
 - State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards
 - West County Watershed Network

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Preservation through Education and Stewardship in Russian River State Parks

Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve
 Austin Creek State Recreation Area
 Sonoma Coast State Park
 Willow Creek Watershed