

Fifth-Graders Enjoy *America's Great Outdoors* Water Education Programs at Beautiful Lake Berryessa

Lake Berryessa Park Rangers know *a lot* about water – water safety, water quality, water uses and the local watershed – and sharing their knowledge with students is one of their favorite things to do. Lake Berryessa rangers conduct water education programs during the spring and fall months of each year, attracting schools from Napa, Solano and Yolo counties.

When students come to the lake to participate in a Ranger-led water education program, they are introduced to the local watershed, which helps them to better appreciate the surrounding landscape as well as Lake Berryessa's important role as the reservoir that serves the region's water needs.

Through planned activities and experiential learning, students are able to get some exercise while learning about water use and water quality and engaging with Lake Berryessa's natural resources.



On Thursday, May 23, 2013, Lake Berryessa Park Rangers hosted 24 fifth-graders and their 12 adult chaperones from Nelda-Mundy Elementary in Fairfield.

On Friday, May 24, the Rangers hosted 50 fifth-graders and their 12 chaperones from West Park Elementary in Napa.



President Obama's *America's Great Outdoors* initiative seeks to empower Americans to share in the responsibility to conserve, restore and provide better access to our lands and waters and leave a healthy, vibrant outdoor legacy for generations to come - <http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>. Ranger-led activities also support the Department of the Interior's *Let's Move Outside* initiative, which was created to encourage children and their families to enjoy outdoor activities which abound in every city, town and community - <http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside>.