

## Browns Valley Elementary School Students Enjoy an Educational Field Trip to Lake Berryessa

On Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, 30 fifth-grade students from Browns Valley Elementary School in Napa, Calif., enjoyed a field trip to Lake Berryessa's beautiful shoreline where they participated in a Ranger-led water education program.

Park Rangers Mike McGraw and Jon Smith introduced the students to the local watershed, helping them to better appreciate the surrounding landscape and the important reservoir that serves the region's water needs. The enthusiastic students were able to get some healthy outdoor exercise while learning about water use and water quality through their engagement with Lake Berryessa's natural resources.

Interpretive programs and events at Lake Berryessa tie into President Barrack Obama's *America's Great Outdoors* initiative (<http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>), which 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. Ranger-led activities also support the Department of the Interior's *Let's Move Outside* initiative (<http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside>), which encourages children and their families to enjoy outdoor activities that abound in every city, town and community.

Rangers at Lake Berryessa conduct water education programs during the spring and fall months of each year, attracting schools from Napa, Solano and Yolo counties.

