



SOUTH BAY PARKLAND CONSERVANCY Student Ambassador Collective

The South Bay Parkland Conservancy (SBPC) Student Ambassador Collective is a youth-led, mentor-guided collective that consists of High School and College students located in the South Bay of Los Angeles. As Ambassadors, students gain real world experience through working together to execute projects they design and implement to foster nature stewardship in the South Bay.

The SBPC Student Ambassador Collective is open to multiple representatives from any regional high school or college from cities located in the South Bay, including Hermosa and Redondo Beaches, Lawndale and Torrance. Currently there are two representatives from Bishop Montgomery High School, one from Redondo Union High School and one from El Camino Community College.

The SBPC Student Ambassador Collective provides an opportunity to:

- Connect students and the school community with SBPC by sharing resources, events and information.
- Raise awareness of the importance of preserving, enhancing and expanding parkland & native habitat in the South Bay of Southern California.
- Collaborate to develop programming for implementation on topics including youth education, land conservation and other projects.
- Plan and develop, advocate for and implement potential solutions that address nature conservancy challenges, which may include: public speaking and presentation opportunities, creating media content including videos and photo journals, and creating flyers and presentations.
- Gain community service hours for time served in the Student Ambassador Collective, including meeting participation and additional activities (events, restoration days, etc.)
- Act in leadership roles on issues that matter to them, and gain real world experience as they foster nature stewardship in the South Bay.

Students are encouraged to:

- Serve a complete term of one year (renewable annually)
 - Complete volunteer orientation
 - Attend 1 or more SBPC board/staff meetings
 - Attend 5 ambassador meetings
 - Participate in one of SBPC working committees
 - Complete 1 class project

Once selected as an SBPC Student Ambassador, students will become oriented to the projects and environmental issues that are relevant to our community in the South Bay, and invited to discuss the issues that matter most to them. Ambassadors are invited to attend an official SBPC board meeting, where they learn organizational structure and flow, and further choose to become involved with existing SBPC led projects, initiatives, and action committees. As students choose their focus, they work together to refine, develop and execute their projects. Mentor support will be available when they need additional guidance.

Student Ambassadors are expected to work together throughout the school year on their own committee, to design and implement a project of their choosing. The ambassador meetings are designed to help guide the students as they plan and move through the stages of execution.

Above all, we encourage our Student Ambassadors to bring with them their passion for the environment/outdoors, and to share with us their goals and how they would like to get involved to make a difference. The South Bay Parkland Conservancy then pledges our support to help make those goals a reality.

Student Ambassador Collective participants receive an official letter/certificate upon program completion.

Apply for the 2023-24 Student Ambassador Collective [HERE](#)

Questions include

- What are your interests, skills?
- What area(s) do you want to focus on or learn more about?
- What would you like to do as SBPC Student Ambassador?
- As an Ambassador, how do you plan to support and advance the mission of SBPC?

In order to apply, the following documents must be completed and submitted:

- Volunteer Waiver & Media Release
- Short bio & Photo (to include in SBPC community announcements)

Student Ambassador Collective applications for the 2023-24 school year will be open starting Earth Day and close Memorial Day. Participants will be notified by early June. The annual term will begin in the Fall. (*timing may differ for the inaugural year 2023*)

Student Ambassador Collective meetings will be held in person from **6-7:30 p.m.** at Wilderness Park. SBPC mentors will chaperone and guide the sessions.

Meetings for the 2023-24 school year are scheduled on the following dates (*dates subject to change based on group availability):

- *November 8, 2023 (orientation and brainstorm)
- December 6 (present project ideas/needs to Mentors)
- January 3, 2024 (check in)
- February 7, 2024 (check in)
- March 6, 2024 (check in)
- April 3 (prep meeting)
- April 20/21 (Earth Day presentation/to Board/Staff)

For questions, please contact Mary Simun, Student Ambassador Coordinator, at mary@southbayparks.org.

For more opportunities to get involved at SBPC, please visit our [website](#).