

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Applications for the California Range & Natural Resources Camp Now Available**

Range Camp is an environmental science & management camp for high school students from across California. The camp takes place at the University of California's Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay, CA.

Range Camp is a 6-day camp experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who have an interest in the science and conservation management of natural resources in California. Students get an introduction to ecological principles, including characteristics and interrelationships of plants and animals, fire ecology, hydrology, geology and soils, and management of grassland, brushland, forest, and stream and river ecosystems. Field activities include learning to read wildlife 'sign', learning outdoor navigation with compasses, maps and GPS, forest management, visits to working ranches and conservation projects, and a beach BBQ.

The camp is organized by the California-Pacific section of the Society for Range Management, with support from a variety of institutions, including university faculty and students from the University of California and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, and numerous other agriculture and conservation organizations. Sessions are taught by university faculty and staff from local, state and federal agencies, and private professional scientists and natural resource management specialists. All students compete for the opportunity to travel to Denver, CO in February 2020 as a representative of California to the national high school youth forum event which takes place at the annual scientific conference held by the Society for Range Management.

Range Camp runs from June 16-21. More information and applications are available at <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>. Cost is \$450.00. Applications are due by April 26<sup>th</sup> but will be accepted until May 24<sup>th</sup> if spaces remain. Camp staff will try to assist students/families with financial need in finding scholarship support. Please indicate so on application.

"Range Camp has enlightened me. It has changed me. It has permanently made me a 'happy camper.'" – Terilyn Chen, 2010 Range Camper.

### **About the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management**

The Society for Range Management is a professional organization composed of individuals with a common interest in the study, management, and rational use of rangelands and related ecosystems (<http://www.rangelands.org/>). The California-Pacific section ("CalPac"; <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/about.html>) was chartered in January, 1950. California Range Camp was first organized in 1984 by professional members of CalPac, and has been held annually every year since.

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