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Dear Teachers,



Thank you for your continued participation in the Environmental Education Program at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve (SRPER). To ensure that the program's transportation costs continue to be covered for your school, we are asking for your help.

Before students receive any in-class instruction about the SRPER field trip, we need each student to complete a five question quiz. The quiz can be found at [santarosaplateau.org](http://santarosaplateau.org).

The intention of the quiz is twofold. Primarily, the quiz is a tool that helps measure our ability to successfully impart certain information to your students, and to help you achieve the elementary science requirements. The questions are written in conjunction with California's Next Generation Elementary Science Standards, and SRPER Docents are trained to present programs that relate these standards with the natural science of the SRPER.

Secondly, the purpose of the project is to expand the base of education grant solicitations by the **Santa Rosa Plateau Nature Education Foundation**. In order to realize these goals, the Foundation needs quantitative data to illustrate the impact that SRPER education programs are having on your students' natural science knowledge.

After the quizzes are completed in school, it is critical that you bring them with you when your class comes to the SRPER. Upon completion of the morning's program, staff will distribute identical blank quizzes for students to complete.

Data from the pre- and post-quiz will provide immediate feedback regarding the program's effectiveness. We must have a pre-quiz and a post-quiz to accurately verify a gain in knowledge. If no pre-quiz is turned in, the resulting post-quiz cannot be counted, and that class field trip cannot be used in the statistical analysis.

Last year's analysis revealed a significant increase in students' knowledge following their field trip, so we hope that with your continued support, your students will be a part of this exciting and important endeavor.

Thank you again for being a part of this memorable education experience, and we look forward to sharing the wonders of the SRPER with your students!

Sincerely,

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