“Halfway up our hike to Mill Creek Falls, the skies opened up and thundered down rain and hail upon us. Everyone was helping each other get down the mountain, holding hands to get over the muddy water and slides, and sharing jackets. When it was time to go home, no one wanted to go. It was a great trip!” — MLK Center

“Some of these students came from the East Bay Area of San Francisco and would not normally have this opportunity. They lack transportation, funds, equipment, and or knowledge to get them to national parks and exploring the outdoors. Just being able to see the stars away from the city was an experience in and of itself for the participants.” — Sierra Institute

“This trip allowed us to take learning about earth science out of the classroom and into the national park, nature’s classroom. In these days of budget cuts and limited funds, it was a great learning opportunity to take my class to Lassen Volcanic National Park.” — James McKee Elementary School

“They learned how to use a compass; start and totally extinguish a campfire; how to overcome chipmunk/ground squirrel thievery and ensure safety of food resources. They developed a new confidence in and appreciation for outdoor experiences, and became familiar with landmarks and places of interest in the park and the four types of volcanoes.” — Lassen Family Services

“This trip brought such an awareness and deep appreciation for Lassen, and a sense of wonder. They were awestruck by the power of nature- the boiling, bubbling and churning of the sulfur springs, and being able to look at the landscape to see where a mighty volcano once stood.” — Monterey Bay Charter School