



OUTDOOR EDUCATION REALLY WORKS!

The California Department of Education confirmed in an American Institutes for Research (AIR) study that outdoor education has numerous benefits for our children:



- ★ **Better aptitude for science:** students who attended the outdoor education program evaluated in this study significantly raised their math and science scores 27%.



- ★ **Increased social and personal skills:** self-esteem, conflict resolution, relationship with peers, problem solving, motivation to learn, and behavior in class.



- ★ **Improved sense of stewardship of the environment:** participating students were more likely to engage in recycling and other positive environmental behaviors.



The AIR study, "Effects of Outdoor Education Programs for Children in California," evaluated over 250 sixth graders from four mostly Hispanic schools using a "hands on inquiry based curriculum" focused mainly on ecology and earth science. January 31, 2005

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