



CALIFORNIA
STATE PARKS
FOUNDATION

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**FACT SHEET
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ABOUT US

With our 97,000 members, the California State Parks Foundation (CSPF) is the only statewide independent nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting, enhancing and advocating for California's magnificent state parks. Since 1969, CSPF has contributed more than \$136 million to benefit state parks. CSPF is committed to improving quality of life for all Californians by expanding access to the natural beauty, rich culture and history, and recreational and educational opportunities offered by California's 278 state parks—the largest state park system in the United States.

HISTORY

CSPF was founded in 1969 by William Penn Mott, Jr., former director of both California's Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service.

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Año Nuevo State Reserve Marine Education Center—a recently completed project in San Mateo County that restored the reserve's Education Center and several other historic building at one of California's most popular parks known for its elephant seal colony.

Bay Youth for the Environment—a unique science-based, after-school work program for youth ages 16-20 in the Bayview-Hunters Point community. The program is designed to provide youth with environmental knowledge, employment experience, and important life skills, while they work to restore local wetlands, build community support for the restoration project, and promote long-term community stewardship for Candlestick Point SRA.

Candlestick Point State Recreation Area—restoring 34 acres of wetlands and tidal watershed in San Francisco's Bay View/Hunters Point neighborhood. The project will restore habitats for aquatic and terrestrial species and enhance recreation and environmental educational resources.

Coast Alive—environmental education program for 5th through 9th graders in Southern California which combines classroom education, field study and investigation at local state parks.

Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup Program—recruits volunteers to work on restoration, cleanup, maintenance and trail building projects in state parks on a designated day on or around Earth Day.

FamCamp®—this successful program was launched in 1994 by CSPF in conjunction with State Parks to provide low-income families with greater access to California's state parks.

General Park Improvements—funds improvements to educational and visitor facilities including Angel Island State Park, Lake Tahoe's Vikingsholm, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Mount Diablo State Park, to name a few.

Junior Lifeguards—promotes water safety, environmental awareness for children through games, lectures, hands-on experience and practical application.

Junior Rangers—offers kids a fun-filled hour of nature activities while visiting state parks.

Park Advocacy Day—mobilizes members and volunteers to participate in annual parks lobby day in Sacramento and educate lawmakers about the benefits of a healthy park system.

Pigeon Point Light Station—CSPF is spearheading a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign, in partnership with State Parks and the San Mateo Natural History Association, to restore and reopen the historic Pigeon Point Light Station.

Protection of Parklands—addresses the needs of state parks through research, legislative lobbying, grassroots organizing and bill sponsorship. The program mobilizes the CSPF's membership and the public to advocate on behalf of pro parks legislation and adequate funding.

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Elizabeth Goldstein

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19

MEMBERS

97,000

VOLUNTEERS

Approximately 5,000 annual volunteers for Earth Day Restoration and Clean-up

BUDGET

The CSPF's annual operating budget is \$7 million. Seventy-five percent of funding raised directly supports CSPF's programs and services that benefit state parks and park users.

CSPF raises funds from members, corporations and foundations to improve and expand park facilities, run educational programs and promote volunteerism. To date, CSPF has contributed more than \$136 million to support the state parks system.

CSPF's annual revenue is divided as follows: 21 percent from corporations, 15 percent from foundations, 54 percent from membership dues, 6 percent from the government and 4 percent from private donors.

GOLDEN POPPY AWARD

The annual Golden Poppy Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to protecting, enhancing and advocating for California's state parks. The award is bestowed at CSPF's annual gala.

Past recipients of the Golden Poppy Award:

2007 Henry F. Trione, Chairman Emeritus, CSPF

2006 Ambassador L. W. "Bill" Lane, Trustee Emeritus, CSPF

PG&E employees for promoting volunteerism in state parks

2005 Toyota Motor Corporation

2004 John E. Bryson, chairman, Edison International
2003 Huell Howser, host of the PBS series California's Gold

CSPF MEMBERSHIP—all new memberships, depending on level, include state park day use passes, annual pass, official state park map, John McKinney's *Day Hiker's Guide to California's State Parks*, and a one-year subscription for Sunset Magazine. Memberships begin at \$25 annually. To become a member, volunteer or to make a donation contact the California State Parks Foundation or visit the website at www.calparks.org

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