



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Students to Begin Copeland Creek Cleanup in Rohnert Park, Kick-Off Stream Maintenance Program

(Rohnert Park, CA) — Students in the Mountain Shadows Expeditionary Learning program, in cooperation with the City of Rohnert Park and the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency), will be conducting a creek cleanup on Copeland Creek in Rohnert Park between Seed Farm Drive and Commerce Boulevard on Friday, May 23. The cleanup event will also kick-off the Agency's 2008 Stream Maintenance Program, which will target 30 streams in Sonoma County to improve flood protection and water quality.

Expeditionary Learning is a program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders at Mountain Shadows Middle School. The program was established in 1995 to provide a powerful learning environment through the use of integrated thematic study units, reinforced by real-life excursions and hands-on projects. This combination captures students' natural passion to learn and develops curiosity, skills, knowledge, and courage needed in today's society.

This year's Stream Maintenance Program will include a major flood protection/stream restoration project on Copeland Creek between Snyder Avenue and Country Club Drive in Rohnert Park. Copeland Creek is owned by the City of Rohnert Park and maintained for flood protection purposes by the Agency. View a full list of streams to be maintained at www.sonomacountywater.org.

What: Mountain Shadows Expeditionary Learning Program Copeland Creek Cleanup

Who: Students from the Mountain Shadows Expeditionary Learning program, Staff from the Sonoma County Water Agency and City of Rohnert Park

When: Friday, May 23, 2008 - Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Cleanup to conclude at 11:30 a.m.

Where: City of Rohnert Park Corporation Yard, Corner of Enterprise Dr. and Seed Farm Dr.

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