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Celebrating Grizzly Gratitude

2021-22 FELLOW
APPLICATION
PORTAL OPEN
NOW!

When we started GrizzlyCorps, we envisioned a dynamic group of recent grads working closely with site partners around the state, promoting community resilience, regenerative agriculture, forest and soil health, and response to climate change. Our first year has far exceeded our expectations -- we could not be more pleased with the inaugural class of GrizzlyCorps. They have set a very high bar.

-- Ken Alex, Director, Project Climate



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For the 2021-2022 service term, GrizzlyCorps will be expanding to host 35 fellows with over 30 partner organizations, including new program expansions into food systems projects.
- Our geographic reach this year will range from the Northern Shasta & Trinity regions to the valleys & central coast, reaching down to the Santa Monica mountains in the south.
- The regular application portal for fellows is open now until May 15, 2021 and projects will be filled on a rolling basis.



NEW PARTNERS

Center For Land-Based Learning (Woodland, CA)
The mission of the Center For Land-Based Learning (CLBL) is to inspire, educate, and cultivate future generations of farmers, agricultural leaders and natural resource stewards. This project will focus on a mixture of regenerative agriculture, healthy soils, and habitat restoration, with an emphasis on education and stewardship at its core.

Pepperwood (Santa Rosa, CA)
Pepperwood is a leader in forging solutions to advance the health of Northern California. As a Sentinel Site, the preserve is a long-term monitoring framework designed to track changes in climate, water, vegetation, and wildlife. This project will highlight climate and fire resilience by tracking forest restoration activities and implementing fuel reduction projects, all while promoting education and engagement in the community.

Lost Sierra Partnership (Quincy, CA)
As a collaboration between the Lost Sierra Food Project and Friends of Plumas Wilderness, these two organizations are closely tied to critical conservation planning and food access in Plumas County. The two projects will focus on carbon sequestration outreach, education & research, and on the ground field work in food systems work through a community-based farm.

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (Marin, CA)
MWPA was formed in 2020 to implement comprehensive wildfire prevention, mitigation and emergency preparedness activities, in coordination with its 17 local member agencies. This project will integrate qualitative research methods, stakeholder engagement, and outreach to help build community education around meaningful wildfire prevention and resiliency on the ground.

Cayley (GrizzlyCorps) is our very own Improvement & Expansion fellow and has been instrumental in developing GrizzlyCorps' strategic planning and supporting the program's growth. Her expertise has driven thorough analysis of our own programmatic goals, while carefully measuring organizational direction to ensure that we are held accountable to GrizzlyCorps' ability to effectively build capacity and community resilience. Read her full review [here](#).



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FELLOW HIGHLIGHTS



Kathleen (Trinity County RCD) has been working on writing an comprehensive strategic plan for the Weaverville community forest and has facilitated regular events with local community members and stakeholders. In the coming months, the RCD is preparing to launch their annual Summer Day Camp at the Young Family Ranch.

Elliot (Sustainable conservation) has been building an extensive review and advisory paper around healthy soils programs across the state. Analyzing the literature through a lens of water retention, his research and data collection have been paired with recurring field visits to see what farmers are doing on the ground.

Outdoor Education in the Age of Covid-19

BY ALEXIS WILKMAN
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This fall, I began working with the Director of Mitigation and Land Management at Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) as a GrizzlyCorps Fellow. So far, my time in Visalia has been enlightening—as a Bay Area native and recent Central Coast inhabitant, the San Joaquin Valley is unlike any other part of the golden state. It's at the crossroads between urban and rural, with cities like Fresno and Visalia ballooning in size every year, while outside these cities hundreds of square miles are dominated by fields of cotton and corn, roaming cattle, and rows upon rows of trees bearing oranges, pistachios, almonds and more. An agricultural mecca, the Central Valley holds some of the most productive farmland in the world. (Read the rest [here](#).)



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