



Winter 2020

## In Our Own Backyard (IOOBY)



Dear Parents,

Welcome to LandPaths' In Our Own Backyard (IOOBY)! Our award-winning program has been bringing immersive, environmental education to Sonoma County students for over 20 years!

This school year, your child has participated in at least one of the following field day themes: Discovery and Exploration, Habitat, Stewardship, and Watershed. In addition to the four outdoor field trips, LandPaths' professional environmental educators will visit your child's classroom twice to get to know the students, introduce concepts, and review safety guidelines.

Depending on the site, your child will hike, explore a creek, work in the garden, and take care of the land.

Each IOOBY field day includes:

- **A hands-on science activity:** Students gain scientific skills and practice in the natural world, igniting wonder and imagination.
- **Sit Spot:** Time for discovering peace in nature through quiet reflection and journaling.
- **Garbology:** Students learn where trash comes from, where it goes, and how to sort it as we work to cut down on waste.

Make these experiences even more powerful by asking your child questions about their IOOBY field trips. Even better, get outdoors with your child to see them in action! Join us for one of our family friendly outings planned for 2020. To stay connected, visit [landpaths.org](http://landpaths.org) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram - @landpaths.

Sincerely,

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VIEW PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILD ON  
THEIR IOOBY FIELD TRIPS!**