

PERALTA

HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK

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The Habitat Conservation Fund grant is making ACE Camp possible for the next four years!

When? July 6th - August 14th, Monday to Friday 10:00am-2:00pm

Where? Peralta Hacienda Historical Park
2465 34th Ave. Oakland CA 94601

Cost: Free!

Peralta Hacienda Historical Park has been selected to receive a competitive *Habitat Conservation Fund* grant of \$20,000 per year for four years from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation. The Bayer Local Foundation and the San Francisco Foundation are providing matching funds for the first year.

As one of 42 grant recipients selected from across the state, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park will hold public programming with a focus on wildlife area activities such as nature tours for all ages every spring, and summer environmental education camps for youth every summer.

As part of this program, Peralta Hacienda will host Camp A.C.E. (Arts, Culture and Environment) for six weeks this summer, for children aged 5-15. They learn about the natural world and nutrition, as well as about each other's cultures through storytelling with neighborhood elders and a reading program using *Oakland Tales*, a recently published book that features Peralta Hacienda in its romp through Oakland history.

The program will initiate and expand the appreciation and knowledge of urban youth about plants and animals in and near Peralta Hacienda, including a rich variety of birds, land and water insects, worms, native and riparian plants, and bacteria, and how human beings affect wildlife. Youth mentors aged 16-21 from three youth employment programs will learn leadership and teaching skills from Director Diane Wang and Science Education specialist Beto Brancho as they mentor the younger kids throughout the camp. The kids also get to go on special field trips to other nature areas. The youth mentors come from the Mayor's summer jobs program, Lao Family Community Development and the Unity Council. All programs will be free and open to the public. See the website for details www.peralthaciend.org.

About The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF)

The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program allocates approximately \$2 million per year to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for grants to cities, counties, and districts to provide for nature interpretation and other non-capital outlay programs which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas, to protect fish, wildlife and native plant resources or to acquire or develop wildlife

corridors and trails. The HCF Program sunsets in FY 2019/2020.

About Peralta Hacienda

You can also see permanent historical exhibits in the Peralta House museum that tell the story of the transformation of the East Bay during the Spanish and Mexican periods through sound, images, and touchable objects, inside the evocative architecture of the 1870 Antonio Peralta House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and see the StoryHorse, a contemporary exhibit on Oakland's African American history and memories. The six acre site is a CA State Landmark as well as being on the National Park Service Juan Bautista de Anza National Trail.

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