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Youth education and work experience opportunities: Interviewed the Director of the Calfornia Conservation Corps (CCC) on the opportunities they provide to youth between the ages of 18-23, providing them with one year of work training to build self-esteem, learn cooperation, basic job skills, all while doing something good and beneficial for the community. The CCC works on many projects throughout California, primarily in disaster clean up for floods or fires, fire fighting assistance to the CDF, levee fortifications, and park clean up, restoration and repair. A lot of at risk youth join, many times to help them get a better direction in life. **Children's science education:** Visited the Discovery Museum in Sausilito, interviewing the Director about their newest outdoor exhibit which will focus on ocean and water science with a pirate theme. The Disovery Museum is comprised of many buildings housing different hands-on exhibits geared for younger children to play and interact in, all the while teaching them about basic science and nature. **Science education:** Visited the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland, where the head astronomer takes a tour through the two large telescope rooms and reviews the operation of each, including how the roof opens for night sky viewing, and what the primary focus of telescope use is there at the Chabot Center, as part of their education in astronomy.	July 29		September 12	July 19
Boating safety: Followed along a Coast Guard Auxillary boat inspection that they do on request for any private boat. This inspection is quite comprehensive, and covers items that are legally required and necessary for safety. If a boat passes inspection, a Coast Guard inspection label is issued. This is a very educational process for a boater. Also discussed with the Coast Guard Auxilliary representative how important having the correct PFD's is, the primary causes of boating accidents, safety tips, and where boating classes are offered, which the Coast Guard Auxilliary encourages all boaters to take. Covered the opportunities for volunteering with the Coast Guard Auxillary, and what their primary role is in helping the Coast Guard.				July 26 September 13
California business and WWII history: Visited the Oakland Musuem's exhibit that was currently on display on Henry J. Kaiser, where Steve Gilford, Historian and Educator reviewed the exhibit's focus on the accomplishments of Kaiser from his humble beginnings in basic construction, through his partnership in building the Grand Coolee and Boulder (Hoover) Dams, and most notably for his role during WWII in building the Liberty Ships at the Oakland Ship Yards, which was a vital beginning of East Bay Area commerce, bringing many workers, including minorities, to California. Kaiser believed in equal pay for equal work, including women, who were also employed at the shipyards. He also had many other successful business activities through his career, and provides even today a good business role model. 50 years ago he was a national figure, today he is not known except for the name association with the Kaiser Permanente Health Foundation, which he started. As a private employer he provided health care, and The Health Foundation was at the forefront of medical technology at the time, especially with the state of the art hospital built in the 50's in Walnut Creek which featured in the rooms many new and practical innovations.	September 16	July 30		
World War II Japanese Internment history: Visited a Japanese Internment exhibit held that educates the public on the necessity of fair and equal treatment of all American citizens, regardless of race or ethnic background. Covered the detailed stories of two Japanese Americans who were in internment camps as young children during World War II. Each told of their experiences of how life was before the war, what they felt as Japanese Americans when America went to war with Japan, how it was being forced from their homes and sent to camps, the effect on their families, and how hard it was to recover after the war and try to resume a normal life. Many lost their property and jobs, which they did not recover after the war, resulting in many families having to start their lives over again with nothing. Many of these people go into schools today to teach kids about this terrible incident and how important it is to never allow it to happen again to any group of people, that the principles of democracy extend to everyone, and freedom should never be taken away because of belonging to a specific group of people.		September 17	August 1	

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Wildlife conservation and preservation: Visited the African elephant exhibit at the Oakland Zoo and took a behind the scenes look at how these animals are cared for on a daily basis, including their eating habits, physical concerns, and their environment. Each day they get a mini check up to ensure that they are healthy, and each day the caretakers go through an elaborate food preparation in that the elephant's food is distributed throughout the exhibit area, even partially hidden, put up high in trees, etc., to give the elephant's variety in searching for their food, somewhat like what they would experience in the wild, and even making a bit of a game out of it so they don't get bored. Also discussed their natural habitat and how the Zoo obtained one of their primary elephants, including the importance of public education on these animals for future conservation of their natural wild habitat. **Youth education & community volunteerism:** Visited with a Fire Department to focus on their Fire Scouts program that is available for teens to learn and participate in fire service activities, with the hope of someday becoming a fire fighter and/or paramedic. These teens are able to assist the fire personnel in all activities excluding fighting actual fires, however, they are provided all of the training for fire fighting and basic medic skills, including how to prepare a patient for emergency medical transport, either by ground or helicopter.	September 23	August 6		
Remembrance of Veterans: On Veterans Day many celebrate and commemorate the sacrifice of American servicement throughout history, including those of the attack on Pearl Harbor. There are still survivors alive today that share their experiences of that day when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, telling of what they remember about this event that brought the United States into World War II, and what it was like being at Pearl Harbor during the attack. It is important for people to remember events such as this, to understand the sacrifice that many gave for their country, and be educated about why the United States took part in the War. These survivors help by telling their stories so that people won't forget and be thankful to those that serve the country through military service.			September 19	
Bicycling recreation: Visited a bicycle shop and discussed the bicycles that are on the market today to educate the public on the different uses and types, from street bicycles to mountain bikes, covering the price ranges and features. There are many bicycles in different price ranges, most of the average users only need a moderately priced bike, as the more expensive have basically the same features, only slightly better made or lighter weight, features that are usually desirable for the more professional rider. Also discussed the basic accessories needed for a safe and comfortable bide ride, including maintenance for safety and for keeping the bicycle in good condition. Bicycling is a good healthy sport that can be enjoyed by families and anyone regardless of income, and is also a great way to conserve by using a bicycle instead of a car wherever possible.	August 12	August 27	September 26	
Business & Economic Development, Environment: Visited with the Director of the Redding Chamber of Commerce who discussed the virtues of Redding as a tourist destination, it is on the upper Sacramento River, small town atmosphere with all the amenities, a great convention center and many recreation opportunities as it is near Lake Shasta and Mt. Lassen National Park. Also visited the downtown on their open market night, which is a family oriented event with food, crafts and music. Toured a local Bed & Breakfast that is in an old historic victorian. Also visited the Turtle Bay Museum, located on the Sacramento River, which focuses on river habitat education along with local history, to promote wildlife and ecology preservation and conservation.	August 19			
Military/Space Program History: Visited the USS Hornet, a well known carrier that was active back to WWII and was the carrier that picked up the crew of the first Moon mission when they splashed down in the Paciifc. The ship is now a museum at the old Alameda Air Station under the direction of a non-profit organization. The ship was saved from being scrapped and much of it has been restored, but there is still a lot to be done. Toured the Bridge, navation room and learned how they navigated back in the days prior to GPS and our modern technolog. The ship is open as a regular museum, but it also has many special events with information on their website.				August 16

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Assistance for the needy: Visited the Alameda County Food Bank where the director discussed the outreach of the Food Bank, that its primary focus is on supplying food to other programs that provide assistance to those in need. They also provide direct assistance with supplies they have on hand. One of the recipients is the Vincent de Paul Center that receives food from the Food Bank in order to provide for a daily hot lunch that is open for anyone. Spoke to the director there about their outreach and the needs of the homeless and underpriviledged of the area.		August 13		August 2 August 30 September 6 September 20
Energy conservation: Interviewed Robert Metcalf of Solar Cookers International, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the use of solar power, especially in third world countries where people have very few fuel choices due to poverty or their environment. Solar Cookers is attempting to provide people in these countries, mainly in Africa, solar cookers that are lightweight, portable, and efficiently cook food. They are providing them for free, and donate their time to help people get these cookers and to educate them. Mr. Metcalf is a professor at the University, and has also developed a simple method for water purification that uses solar heat and no chemicals. They are trying to get these to people in other countries that don't have safe drinking water. This organization is hoping that people realize the potential of solar power, not just for third world countries, but that consumption of energy should be reduced anywhere and anyway possible. **California history of Pony Express:** Toured the original Wells Fargo Pony Express office that is now a museum in Old Sacramento. Curator discusses how the mail was delivered from the east, using young men who would ride straight through, each doing a certain segment, only stopping to change riders and horses, to deliver the mail to the west in a matter of days. This is reenacted each year, from St. Louis, MO to Sacramento, alternating the starting point – this year it will start in Sacramento and go to St. Louis. Also described many articles in the Museum that were used or associated with mail delivery back in the "old west". The Museum especially welcomes school groups, as it is important that kids are educated on this important aspect of California and postal history.				July 5 August 9 September 27
Youth career opportunities: Participated in an afternoon of flying with the EAA, the Experimental Aircraft Association, with their Young Eagles program, which started as a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Kitty Hawk. The EAA wants to provide youth an opportunity to take a ride in a private plane in order to introduce youth to aviation in the hopes that youth would want to become involved in aviation either as a hobby or possibly in a related fulltime career. Their goal was to fly 1 million youths, and they have greatly surpassed that goal by over 300,000. The EAA is an organization of private pilots who build their own airplanes, many of them are "experimental" in design, in that these planes are not commercially mass produced. The EAA and the Young Eagles program is nationwide, and available in many communities by contacting the nearest EAA Chapter. Young Eagles flights are free, and each receives a certificate of their participation. All of the kids participating found it very interesting and informative, and one youth indicated that he was interested in a career in law enforcement in a helicopter unit.		July 2	August 15	
California history education: Visited the California Trail Days that is held each year at Donner Memorial Park. Many people volunteer to participate recreating the pioneer lifestyle of the Donner Party and emigrants of that era. Toured the different areas set up like a pioneer camp, and talked with participants about the different things pioneers did in their daily life. Showed demonstrations on weaving, mountain man living, how women in the 1800's dressed, the different kinds of wagons the emigrants used and toured a pioneer camp general store. Also included comments from descendants of pioneers who told the stories of what their ancestors went through emigrating to California in the mid 1800's.		July 9	August 22	

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Boating safety: Went on patrol with members of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Boating Detail in the Delta. Some of the problems they encounter are high speed boating in restricted areas, problems with party areas and places where personal watercraft tend to be a higher risk to other nearby boats. Discussed the increased use of personal watercraft and showed an example of a minor head injury caused when the watercraft flipped over and the rider's head was hit. Many people use these without any training at all, and also don't wear helmets. Riders many times don't watch for other boats in their path, resulting in a high rate of collisions. Also covered the problem of drinking and operating a boat, showing areas of potential danger if the channel signal system operated by the Coast Guard is not understood, especially during low visibility or at night, as there are many large ships using shipping lanes throughout the Delta and Bay. Misreading signals can result in collisions or running aground, which has happened on many occasions. Went through a complete safety check that a boater should do, what is needed such as PFD's for each person on the boat, fire extinguisher, boat registration, and the basic safe boat operation, including the danger of sitting on the edge of the boat while the engine is engaged. Many boaters do not recognize or respond to the blue light of a law enforcement boat, as it is required for them to slow down while the blue light is flashing. They have had many problems with this, including people actually colliding with the patrol boat because they weren't paying attention. Also covered other basic boating laws that are very important for each boater to know.	July 1 September 30	September 10		
Animal Rescue services: Visited Rattie Ratz Rescue that works with the Bay Area SPCA in handling unwanted pet rats, as the SPCA is not equipped to take in these kinds of animals. Many times the problem arises of people getting a pet rat from a retail pet store that is already pregnant, as many of these retail stores are not careful to keep the male and females separated, and rats can mate and become pregnant at a very early age. Rattie Ratz not only provides a rescue service for adoption placement of these animals, but also educates people on the care of pet rats, and the need to make sure one is getting a pet that is not already pregnant and healthy. Because of the problems encountered in buying pet rats from retail stores, they do not recommend it, but to rather adopt a pet or get one from an established breeder. Also covered the care of pet rats, cages, food, toys, handling, etc., and the misconceptions about having rats as pets, that they have been domesticated for over 100 years and are not at all related to a wild rat. They make good pets for people who don't have a lot of space, for kids to learn about the responsibility of caring for a pet, and for the elderly, as they are inexpensive, easy to care for, and very responsive in playing and human interaction.	July 8	August 20		
American Red Cross services: Visited the Red Cross in Oakland that serves the Bay Area and discussed what part the local Red Cross played in the Hurricane Katrina disaster, how they were one of the regional centers set up to receive calls for assistance. Discussed the extensive role of volunteers, and their ongoing need for more, and how many of their volunteers come from professional backgrounds with various levels of skills and experience, but that they can find a role for anyone that desires to volunteer regardless of their personal skill level, as they do provide training for all levels of volunteer positions. They stress preparedness through their "Together We Prepare" 5 step program, which is emphasized throughout the program. Also covered their local outreach in assisting people with any kind of natural or manmade disaster, from just one person or family who may lose a home from a fire to a possible disaster that would affect thousands of people. Again, they can't stress preparedness enough, and the Red Cross has extensive and various information available to people on how to prepare for any kind of disaster, including disaster kits for a starter. They also stress the importance of knowing CPR and First Aid, and do offer classes to the public for both. There are Red Cross chapters active that cover all communities, and each serve their community with the same basic services.	August 26			July 12

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Role of a Port in economic development: Visited the Port of Stockton where representatives discussed the history, operations, business and development of the Port. It is one of the major shipping access points for industry and agriculture serving the greater portion of the Central Valley, bring in a lot of trade through the Bay Area providing jobs and adding to the tax base. This is a good example of the way a port operates in any area. People many times do not realize that ports offer land for businesses to locate at, as it provides a greater level of convenience for business shipping needs. There is also the need to keep the public educated on the necessity of keeping port channels clear and dredged, many times people have environmental concerns and do not fully understand that these channels are mostly manmade and need to be maintained, especially to accommodate larger ships. Environmental issues are also a priority in keeping materials from contaminating the waterways. **California history and tourism:** Visited the Golden State Museum located in downtown Sacramento. It features exhibits showcasing the prominent events of California including the gold rush, immigration, government and industry. Many of the exhibits also contain artifacts from the California State Archives, which is housed in the same building and has thousands more items from California's history. Many years of planning went into the design of the Museum to determine which of the artifacts would best represent California. The museum is an education asset for California history and the present to residents, tourists and school groups.	July 15 September 2			
Wildlife preservation and environmental conservation: Toured Micke Grove Zoo with the Director, focusing on a variety of the different animals that are showcased at the Zoo. The exhibits have interactive information on the animals, such as the animal's natural habitat, what they eat and general lifestyle habits. Discussed some of their more popular exhibits such as the exotic birds, lemurs, a mountain lion, sea lions and their extensive bat exhibit. A Zoo such as this is very helpful in educating the public, especially children, on the important part that animals play in our environment such as the fact that bats eat many insects that are harmful to crops, being a natural pesticide. It is necessary to conserve the habitat of these animals to allow them to continue to fulfill their ecological role.		July 16 September 3		
Neighborhood Watch National Night Out: Every year across the nation, Neighborhood Watch groups, supported by local law enforcement, take part in National Night Out by holding block parties in order to promote the Neighborhood Watch program and get to know their neighbors better. Neighborhood Watch programs help residents get to know their neighbors so they are able to better know if there is suspicious people or activities in their neighborhood that should be reported to law enforcement. It is important for a community to work together to retain and better each citizen's quality of life. The National Night Out block parties take place the second Tuesday of August nationwide, and allows the community to interact with community representatives, including fire and police department personnel, to promote a better working relationship between the community and local government through interaction and education.			July 18 August 29	
Delta waterways ecology and environmental health: Interviewed representatives of San Francisco Bay & Delta Keepers, an organization that monitors water conditions throughout the Delta for environmental problems. Toured waterway areas and discussed the problems of waste water disposal, industrial toxic waste, and other types of contaminants. They lobby for legislation that will help the Bay & Delta waters stay healthy and enhance the ecology. They also test the water on a regular basis for all different types of chemicals and biological elements that could be hazardous in too high of concentrations. The organization has many volunteers that use their own boats to help "patrol" the Bay & Delta waterways, watching and looking for sources of environmental contamination or problems. Also discussed the continuing problem of levee erosion and what effect that has on the Bay & Delta ecology.			July 11	August 23

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Education on Moroccan culture and food: Visited a Moroccan restaurant where the owner describes many of the typical foods that are eaten, how they are eaten and served, and the basic Moroccan customs of etiquette. Also prepared a common dish, giving the recipe, that anyone can prepare at home, and discusses how much of the Moroccan foods are very healthy, using a lot of rice and chicken, some pork, and lamb, with pickled vegetables that uses very little oils. **Education on history of early pony express mail delivery:** Toured the original Wells Fargo Pony Express office that is now a museum in Old Sacramento. Curator discusses how the mail was delivered from the east, using young men who would ride straight through, each doing a certain segment, only stopping to change riders and horses, to deliver the mail to the west in a matter of days. This is reenacted each year, from St. Louis, MO to Sacramento, alternating the starting point – this year it will start in Sacramento and go to St. Louis. Also described many articles in the Museum that were used or associated with mail delivery back in the "old west". The Museum especially welcomes school groups, as it is important that kids are educated on this important aspect of local history.	July 22		September 5	
Recreational and cultural dance: Covered a Dance Pageant that included cultureal dance groups representing Greek, Italian, Baltic, Hispanic, German and Chinese cultures. Spoke with some of the dance group representatives who told why they volunteer their time to learn these cultural dances to keep the traditions alive, not only for future generations, but for those older generations who remember some of these dances from their own past. Many of these dances represent different day to day activities of a culture, including singing and even dancing with a lasso. All of these groups encourage people to get involved in dancing, as it is great exercise while learning a new skill, and it is a good positive activity for kids to get involved in.	September 9	July 23		
Garden and planting care: Visited a Nursery to discuss the proper care of roses, when to plant, what areas they grow in best, and some of the different types. Also followed step by step how to plant a shrub and a small tree, following basic landscaping concepts for proper placement and a healthy plant. **Health standards of bottled drinking water:** Visited a water bottling plant to discuss the different types of bottled water available. Bottled water must be labeled according to the type it is and the treatment given to it, in order for the public to not be mislead as to the source and purity of the water – many believe that if a bottle is labeled "spring water", that it is also purified, and that may not be the case. All bottled water is tested regularly for contamination or bacteria, with strict standards on the cleaning and re-filling of the recycled bottles. Also discussed other ways a home or office can obtain cleaner water, such as from the use of in-line filters.			July 4 July 25	
Youth drinking and driving prevention: The California Highway Patrol sponsors a program to educate youth about the problem and dangers of drinking and driving called "Every 15 Minutes". The name is indicative of the fact that every 15 minutes someone dies related to drinking and driving. This program takes place at high schools with the hope that teens will be more aware of this problem and that it may be instrumental in saving lives. They go to a school and stage a car accident, including making up the victims with the appearance of real injuries. The scene is acted out in complete realism and in real time, from fire, police, ambulance response, including the "victims" going to the emergency room, the morgue or jail. Parents of the victims also take part. They hold a school rally the following day in which spokespersons from different agencies talk to the kids about what had happened, and the kids that took part in the activities the previous day also speak of their experiences. The CHP takes this program into high schools throughout the State on a regular basis.	August 5			
Child safety education: "Stranger Dangers" is a make believe children's story that help teach kids about how to be safe around strangers. It is about a young boy from another planet who comes to live here but doesn't understand how to act around strangers. He must learn different lessons by re-living situations until he understands how to do the right thing. His Earth friends help teach him how to avoid dangerous situations in order to stay safe.		September 24	August 8	