



All One Ocean Ocean Warriors Facilitator

Hours per week: 1-2 hours per week

Ocean Warriors summary: Ocean Warriors - an Environmental Leadership Program - was developed by 3rd grade teachers and All One Ocean, a locally based non-profit, to give 3rd grade students a deeper understanding of how they as individuals impact the environment around them. Using **Project Based learning** we will educate 3rd graders to become Environmental Leaders. Every few months, students are given a project with an issue to be solved. Ocean Warriors teaches students self-responsibility for litter—in their classroom, campus, and communities and ultimately as well as how it affects our waterways and eventually the Ocean and its inhabitants. Students will learn, for example, how to understand and question the issue to be solved, develop a plan of action and find solutions to the issue. In this way, they gain invaluable research and presentation skills; learn how to get involved with their local communities and how to be leaders in caring for our environment. This is a yearlong program and each project has been designed to fit in with grade-level curriculum and current world conservation activities, covering history and social science, reading comprehension, literacy and mathematics.

Ocean Warriors empowers schoolchildren to become stewards of their schools and communities. **Ocean Warriors teach students that cleaning up litter is COOL** and that by being leaders at their schools and in their community they can **make positive impacts TODAY!** Students love learning about our Ocean and all of its creatures and the simple steps they can take to preserve and protect our complex Ocean ecosystem.

Schoolchildren are the best stewards our Ocean can ask for. When they learn about how simple changes in their lives can benefit the Ocean and the animals they love, they want to make those changes—RIGHT NOW! And their excitement for helping our Ocean is contagious. During this Environmental Leadership Program, students will learn simple and effective ways to make a change and be part of something bigger than themselves. This program will **empower students** not only to make their schools cleaner, but also their local waterways, and ultimately, our Ocean.

Facilitators Summary: Facilitators of the Ocean Warriors program will work with selected local elementary schools students to coordinate and facilitate the Ocean Warriors program each week. Facilitators will go to the school site and work with the third graders during their lunchtime recess to help students determine their goals for each project, structure their groups so that students are assigned tasks which best suit their skillsets, help them determine where they need help from outside resources or how to communicate with their community, and guide them to complete their project within the allotted timeframe.

Description of All One Ocean:

All One Ocean's mission is to educate our communities about litter entering our waterways and how it affects our health and our environment. We believe the solution to degradation of our waterways starts with education, and we provide crucial education through our two primary programs: Ocean Warriors (OW), our elementary school environmental leadership program, and our Beach Cleanup program. Bay Area based All One Ocean, a Project of Earth Island Institute, was founded by Hallie Iglehart in 2010 after encountering a seagull entangled in fishing line on her daily beach walk. Iglehart untangled the bird, but knew her work wasn't finished and she developed a simple yet powerful tool – Beach Clean Up Stations, which have been used to remove over 1.1 million pieces of trash since their inception. Since 2011, All One Ocean has installed over 54 Beach Clean Up Stations in California, Baja, Hawaii, Iowa and Alabama. Complementing this work we focus our education primarily around Ocean Warriors, our third-grade environmental leadership program and monthly beach clean ups. Ocean Warriors is focused on our youth. This yearlong, Project-Based Learning program is a sustainable approach to changing behaviors at the source and creating a new generation of environmental leaders, making beneficial daily choices for our environment. Tying in our Ocean Warriors and Beach Clean Up Station programming, we organize education based beach clean ups to entire communities focused on community building, team work and gaining a deeper understanding of how pollution effects our global eco-systems.

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