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WES COMMUNITY

*An independent non-profit dedicated
to supporting outdoor education at
Whiskeytown Environmental School*

News Release: Sammy Salmon visits Whiskeytown Environmental School

You are invited, Thursday, January 14th, at 1:15pm, to see Sammy Salmon visit the campus of Whiskeytown Environmental School (WES). He will be the envy of students everywhere that wish they could share the community rite-of-passage known as WES Camp.

Sammy's friends at the East Redding Rotary Club will come too, bearing hope for the future in the form of a generous donation to the non-profit spearheading the dream to rebuild, Whiskeytown Environmental School Community. You can read about the vision to rebuild at www.wesforever.org

For nearly 30 years, many local students have raised funds to support their tuition to attend outdoor education at WES by selling Rotary Raffle tickets

Margaret Beck of Redding East Rotary and Chairman of the Raffle Raffle event stated that event board members know the loss of WES has been felt deeply by children, their families and the community. "WES supports our organization's goals of youth development. We want our kids to get 'high' on things other than drugs and alcohol. We support funding activities that lead to better long-term health and decision making. We need this healthy alternative back in our community," Beck observed.

The campus has not been a safe place for students since the Carr Fire burned the surrounding landscape in July of 2018. And a salmon, like Sammy, knows that when trees burn, their roots can't do the job of keeping soil and rocks out of the river and can cause flooding for places like WES Camp. That is why helpful people are making a plan to keep kids and Salmon safe and some day we can all come back to learning and splashing in Clear Creek.

To answer questions on Thursday, in attendance will be Shasta County Office of Education Director of Science Programs, Nathan Fairchild, and Whiskeytown NRA Superintendent, Josh Hoines.

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Founded in 2011 as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, Whiskeytown Environmental School Community (WESC) has assisted SCOE by raising money to support the environmental education programs at WES. WESC and SCOE are joined by Friends of Whiskeytown and the National Park Service to form WESforever.org, a group dedicated to the rebuilding of Whiskeytown Environmental School and ensuring its future for the next fifty years and beyond and fulfilling the mandate of the NPS to educate the public about natural and cultural resources.

About Whiskeytown National Recreation Area: administered by the U.S. National Park Service, Whiskeytown is one of over 400 parks within the National Park System. The national recreation area was established in 1965 to protect Whiskeytown Lake and surrounding habitat and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for the people of the United States. The park preserves a diversity of flora and fauna as well as the cultural history of the Wintu People and California Gold Rush. Over 850,000 people visit the park each year. For more information:

www.nps.gov/whis

About WES Forever: <https://www.wesforever.org/>

About Sundial Riffle Raffle: <https://sundialriffle.com/>

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