

TAHOE TRUCKEE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Donation/Grant Form

Please refer to [Board Policy 3290](#) for additional information

The donation/grant is intended for districtwide Department Sagehen Outdoor Education Program

Type of Donation: monetary

I. **DONOR'S NAME/ADDRESS:** Martis Camp Foundation 7951 Fleur du Lac, Truckee, CA 96161

II. **DONOR'S STATEMENT:** (Please describe the donation/grant in detail.) You may attach a separate document if needed.

\$14000 for 2025-2026 school year

a. **DESCRIPTION OF DONATION/GRANT**

1. Estimated value or cost: \$ 14,000.00

2. Will the donation be used for activities or instruction? Yes

3. Will the donation be used for before or after-school activities or instruction? No

4. Will the donation be used for specific programs approved by the school Board? Yes

5. Will the donation be used only at a specific school site? No

6. Is this a grant? Yes If yes, please attach a copy of the grant application.

<u>Wendy Damonte</u>	<u>10/17/2024</u>	<u>Shaun Roderick</u>	<u>10/21/2024</u>
Signature of Donor	Date	Signature of Principal/Administrator	Date

III. SUPERINTENDENT CHIEF LEARNING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

Before accepting, the Superintendent CLO or designee has considered whether the award:

1. Has a purpose consistent with the district's vision and philosophy.
2. Does not begin a program that the Board would be unable or unwilling to continue when the donated funds are exhausted.
3. Does not entail undesirable new or additional costs.
4. Adheres to BP 1325 regarding endorsement of business or product.
5. Provides comparable educational opportunities for all students at all schools.
6. Does not require employment or compensation of personnel.
7. Does not place unacceptable restrictions on educational or extracurricular programs or the school district.
8. Is not inappropriate or detrimental to the best education of students.
9. Meets any applicable federal, state, or local and school district regulations/guidelines associated with its construction or use.
10. Meets current health and safety standards.

➤ Kerstin Kramer 10/21/2024
Superintendent CLO **Date**

IV. Board Meeting Date: _____



Grant Application

Name of Organization or Individual Sagehen Outdoor Education Program
Primary Contact Kathy Echols or Candy Blesse
Mailing Address Candy Blesse P.O.Box 8397
City Truckee State CA Zip 96162
Phone 530-913-6590 (Kathy) Email sagehenoutdoored@gmail.com
Executive Director (if applicable) Candy Blesse, Director (Volunteer)
Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable) Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
Business Tax ID or Individual Social Security Number 94-6003109

Intended Use of Funds/Project Description

Focus Area (choose one)	Type of Funding Request
<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Development <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> New Project/Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Project/Program <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building/Operations Support

Use of Funds/Project Description (see additional instructions below)

Funds will be used for the Sagehen Outdoor Education Program for the school year 2025-2026. The funds will provide science and environmental education lessons and activities in an outdoor natural environment to all fifth grade students in

Funding Request

Amount Requested \$ 14,000 Total Project Cost \$ 40,000 Annual Operating Budget \$ 40,000

Authorized Signature Kathy Echols Date 08/23/24

Board President Signature no board president - part of TTUSD Date 08/23/24



Sagehen

Outdoor Education Program

To: Martis Camp Foundation
From: Sagehen Outdoor Education Program
Re: 2024 Grant Application
Date: August 23, 2024

Sagehen Outdoor Education Program is requesting funding for our 2025-2026 program. This program runs from August 2025-June 2026. Please note that our grant requests are made a full year ahead because the grant cycle and the school year does not coincide. We are requesting \$14,000. The annual operating budget for 2025-2026 is approximately \$40,000. This grant application is under the categories of Education and Youth Development. The funding that has been provided by Martis Camp Foundation in previous years is integral to the program's success.

Sagehen Outdoor Education Program is a program within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District and is organized by the volunteer efforts of two retired fifth grade teachers. It has been providing engaging environmental science and outdoor education to all fifth-grade students in the Tahoe Truckee Schools for over 15 years. This program aims to instill a greater appreciation of nature, science, and the local environment. An established goal of environmental education is that the students will want to take care of their environment once they have grown to love it.

Lessons are activity-based and include team building, local ecosystems, flora and fauna of the local area, and other science/environmental education topics. Each class will attend 2 one-day programs in the fall (September-October), a one-day snow science program in the winter (February-March), and a one-day program in the spring (May-June). If funding allows and other educational activities are available, additional programming might be added. The activities and lessons are taught in a natural outdoor setting appropriate to each school's location. We are pleased to have most of the schools return to the program's original location at the UC Berkeley Sagehen Creek Field Station for instruction in the fall and the spring. Classes are taught by educators from two local non-profits: Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP) and Tahoe Institute of Science (TINS).

Written evaluation of the program is done by students and teachers, and a yearly evaluation is done by program directors and school administrators.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding.

Sincerely,
Kathy Echols and Candy Blesse
Sagehen Outdoor Education Program Directors

Tahoe Truckee Unified School District