

Teachers & After School  
Educators  
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# VAMOS A LA PLAYA!

2024-2025

A NEW PROJECT OF THE MERITO  
FOUNDATION FOR

**GRADES 4TH-8TH**



## Project Goals

**Empower Teachers:** Equip 10 teachers in Port Hueneme and Oxnard with training to bring climate and ocean education into their classrooms.

**Inspire Students:** Engage students in hands-on activities to protect our beaches and tackle issues like plastic pollution, runoff, and sea level rise.

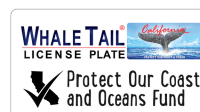
**Develop Leaders:** Offer leadership training and job shadowing for 10-15 students to become Beach Ambassadors and future environmental champions.

## Project Overview

- 12-month project (8/2-24-7/2025)
- Ten Educators in the City of Oxnard & Port of Hueneme
- Outdoor experiences for students on environmental monitoring at local beaches
- Offered **free of charge**
- Educator stipend (**up to \$900**)
- Access to ocean environmental science curricula & professional development
- Funding for transportation and substitute teachers for field experiences



**To apply, click here**



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## BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPATING Teacher & Students

- **Access to 25+ science activities** authored by the MERITO Foundation and public organizations including State Coastal Conservancy, State Parks, NOAA, EPA, etc.
- Two 1.5 hours of **webinars**, and one 6 hours **outdoor training** at a local beach with hands-on practices on beach monitoring lectured by expert scientists.
- Up to **\$900 stipend** for participating educators and up to \$400 per teacher for substitute teachers' cost as reimbursement
- Up to **\$500 in reimbursement** costs for Students' transportation to **Meaningful Coastal Educational Experiences (MCEEs)** at Hueneme and Oxnard
- **Coastal Experiences** coordination and instruction led by MERITO Foundation's staff
- **Training and tools** for environmental data collection, data visualization, and data mapping using Arc GIS
- **Outdoor Leadership Training** (2 night/3 days camping) & **Job Shadowing** for a cohort of 10-12 youths selected by the participating educators



We are now accepting applications from 4th-8th grade teachers and after school educators who wish to participate in this enriching 12-month program. Interested educators should read the information on the flyer and **apply by July 15, 2024.**



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