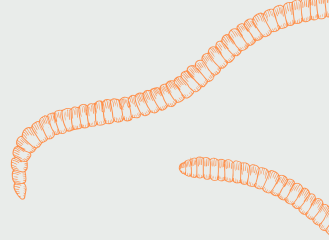
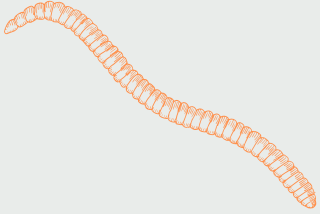




ROVER

Delivering regenerative educational enrichment to San Diego County.



A NATURE CLASSROOM ON WHEELS



Unique experiential learning opportunities focused on regenerative soil science, creative literacy, and world music for youth ages 4-18.

THE GOALS



- Provide quality nature-based education to disadvantaged youth.
- Build relationships, develop resources, and improve advocacy in the educational field.
- Demonstrate the power of creative, collaborative, mixed-age learning environments.
- Draw attention and support toward the people and projects playing the biggest roles in keeping our communities healthy.

THE STRUCTURE



Little Shepherds Nature Lab is a private cooperative supported by our non-profit fiscal sponsor, Marco Polo Productions.

Services include seasonal vacation camps, after-school enrichment, educational entertainment, and pop-up classes and workshops.

THE CURRICULUM

ROVER comes equipped with a kid-sized composting and soil biology station, live worm bin, mini greenhouse, creative literacy nook, and a pop-out stage for musical and theatrical play.

We emphasize the value of writing and working by hand, social-emotional awareness, life skill building, nutrition, fundamental movement, creative self-expression, and community service.

Driven entirely by collaboration, we draw from a grassroots network of parents, teachers, shepherds, farmers, gardeners, builders, and expressive artists. Our approach to education is ecological, experiential, and embodied.



THE ROUTE

ROVER visits a wide range of educational spaces including (and unlimited to): public schools, organic farms, community gardens, local events, and private organizations.



ROVER also facilitates dynamic educational experiences at the work sites of the Good Shepherds Regenerative Land Management group, where a herd of 350 goats and sheep graze for wildfire control and soil health.

THE FOOD



We plug directly into the food shed with our kid-sized kitchen crew!

Human health starts with nutrient-rich foods.

We connect youth to local farms and community gardens, giving them the opportunity to sprout, plant, harvest, cook, and compost organic herbs, fruits, and vegetables.

THE POP-OUT STAGE



Our world is full of great stories!

ROVER's youth-driven productions are informal, informative, innovative, and inclusive.

Students may direct every aspect of the journey, from writing and designing to crafting and casting. This work builds literacy and creative expression while cultivating social-emotional skills.

PARENT SUPPORT

Education of the child begins with the adult. It behooves us all to have a whole-system understanding of our personal patterns: how they developed, and how they play out.

An ever-growing provider network offers peer-based support groups, workshops, and wellness resources for the parents in our fold.



THE BIG SHOW



The Big Little Shepherds Show is a 45-minute staged production that combines original music with puppetry and a rotating cast of hilarious characters to spread the good news: we can revive the soil and regenerate our communities at the same time!

Unique and engaging, this educational entertainment is suited for special events, festivals, schools, assemblies and more.

THE POP-UPS



WORDS & WORMS (geared to ages 4-8)

Discover Red Wigglers (and their favorite veggies), along with new stories and songs! Centers the value of playing, working, and writing by hand.

POETRY & PLANTING (geared to ages 6-12)

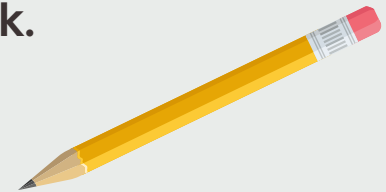
A celebration of select poets, paired with a complete tutorial in the practice of planting and raising strong seeds! Centers the needs of growing beings.

CREATIVE WRITING & COMPOSTING (geared to ages 8-14)

Investigate the invisible realms! Centers the role of soil stewardship and propelling microbiology in the story of plant, animal, and human life on earth.

TALKING TREES (geared to ages 12-18)

An exploration of personal narrative, social engagement, and ecological resilience for teens. Centers the power of communication and teamwork.



THE PRICES

NOTE: These figures serve as a guideline. Exact terms are flexible depending on location, age of students, staffing requirements, and other variables.

EXPLORER PACKAGE - \$500

Any of our signature pop-up workshops as a two-hour offering for up to 30 students.

RANGER PACKAGE - \$1,000

Any of our signature pop-up workshops as a three-hour offering for groups of 25-60 students.

STEWARDS PACKAGE - \$2,500

A customized half-day workshop for up to 80 students.

Mix and match elements from our signature pop-up workshops in addition to yoga, meditation, music, fundamental movement, nutrition, and performing arts.

SHEPHERDS PACKAGE - \$3,000 to \$5,000

“The Big Little Shepherds Show” brings soil health to the stage! Includes workshop elements, adapted for larger groups.



CURRENT ASSETS

A BUS, A BRAND, AND A BAND OF AWESOME HUMANS!

A CONVERTED SCHOOL BUS

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Our sturdy 26-foot bus has transformed into a beautiful classroom on wheels by loving volunteers using reclaimed and donated materials.

AN EDUCATIONAL BRAND

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Little Shepherds Nature Lab launched in 2021. We've served a wide variety of families from many cultures and backgrounds through camps, workshops, and community events.

A DREAM TEAM

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We're a close network of educators, scientists, farmers, gardeners, musicians, writers, and artists.



FUNDRAISING

ROVER needs an operating budget in order to expand its impact in the region. Insurance and fuel costs, staff stipends, student scholarships, and material needs are ongoing. Donations can be tax-deductible through our non-profit fiscal sponsor.



GOFUNDME

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We can receive monetary donations to our GoFundMe campaign.



WISH LIST

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ROVER has a gift registry. Support with specific items and supplies.



SPONSORS

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Come aboard as a sponsor! We love partnering with businesses and community organizations to elevate our individual and collective goals. If you're interested in sponsoring any aspect of our program, let's chat.



Thank you for envisioning with us!

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