

Channel Islands Live: Partnerships



Partnership Makes It Possible

The National Park Service has been developing innovative ways for the public and students to learn about the Channel Islands. Ventura County Office of Education's wireless project provides just this venue—a way to bring the islands to people wherever they may be. Partnering with Ventura County Office of Education is a natural fit to bring live science and research from the Channel Islands to local students and eventually to the public nationwide. Both Ventura County Office of Education and the park are dedicated to providing opportunities for teachers, students, and the general public to learn more about the significant natural and cultural resources contained within Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary and the challenges involved in protecting them.

Collaboration for Education

The partnership between the National Park Service and Ventura County Office of Education is an outgrowth of an extended local partnership with the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, and the Santa Barbara County Education Office. In 2003 this suite of partners collaborated with the JASON Foundation for Education for the "From Shore to Sea" Expedition to the Channel Islands. The Expedition used satellite and microwave technology to deliver educational programs from Anacapa Island to over 1.6 million students and over 35,000 teachers in

the United States and internationally. These partners continue to support Channel Islands Live education programs, using the "From Shore to Sea" curriculum for grades 4–8. Programs will eventually be transmitted via high-speed Internet and Internet2 connections that will serve distance learning programs at a variety of institutions including museums and universities. Financial support has come from Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary through a NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training program (B-WET) grant and the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program.

Live Partners

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- The Nature Conservancy
- Santa Barbara County Education Office
- Santa Barbara Maritime Museum