



# ELKTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER INC.

The Butterfly Pavilion ☀ Fort Umpqua ☀ Native Plant Park

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS

### INTRODUCTION

The Elkton Community Education Center is a low-cost, high-impact field trip site for students of all ages.

Our popular butterfly pavilion offers an opportunity to learn about the life cycle of Monarch and Painted Lady butterflies and to release butterflies raised in your classroom. Our replica of historic Fort Umpqua provides a hands-on learning experience to help students deepen their understanding of Oregon's transition from being primarily tribal lands to the Oregon Territory to statehood.

ECEC volunteers can provide a guided tour with activities for your group, and there is plenty of space at our 30-acre site for you to customize your visit to fit your own lesson plan. From our butterfly gardens to our Native Plant Park, there are many opportunities to bring classroom biology and botany lessons to life.

ECEC is conveniently located halfway between I-5 and the coast on Highway 38, a scenic byway. Tours are available from April to September, Wednesday – Friday and must be scheduled in advance. Butterflies are on site from late May through September.



### AMENITIES

- ☀ On site bus parking
- ☀ Multiple picnic areas
- ☀ Trained tour guides
- ☀ Covered amphitheater & classroom available
- ☀ Wi-Fi

### COST

\$25 for a group visit up to 25 people. Includes a tour of the pavilion, fort and native plant park.

Additional \$1 per person over 25

Affordable site rentals if larger spaces are needed

### TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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## HISTORIC FORT UMPQUA

Fort Umpqua fills an important role in students' understanding of our region's history. The story of the fort teaches students about the political struggle for land in the Pacific Northwest and weaves together stories of settlers, trappers and tribal members. Fort Umpqua was a Hudson's Bay Company fur-trading outpost, and represented the southernmost British claim to the Oregon Territory in the mid-1800s. French-Canadians, English, Scots and Hawaiians worked in various capacities at the fort. It supplied provisions to settlers and miners passing through the area and evolved into an agricultural center, introducing the first livestock and fruit trees to the Umpqua region. The original fort was one mile up river from ECEC, and was destroyed by fire and flood in the late 1800s. ECEC's replica was hand-hewn by local volunteers and dedicated in 2009 as part of the Oregon 150 Celebration. The stockade complex includes a granary building and barracks with educational displays.

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## THE BUTTERFLY PAVILION

ECEC has 13 years of experience raising butterflies and teaching people about Monarchs and Painted Ladies. Our 20' by 50' flight room gives students an opportunity to witness the full life cycle in a naturalized setting, while learning about the host plants and other features that make up a supportive habitat. ECEC is a popular spring field trip for younger students that have been raising butterflies in the classroom; they can release their butterflies at ECEC and bring any eggs and caterpillars to our flight room. In our nearby Research Room, students can examine butterflies under a microscope and, for older students, learn about diseases that can occur in the wild and how to identify the signs of disease. We have extensive outdoor butterfly gardens. Beginning in 2017, we'll have large milkweed demonstration gardens on site, providing an opportunity in the summer months for groups to help identify and gather Monarch eggs and caterpillars for controlled rearing in our flight room.

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## NATIVE PLANT PARK

ECEC'S 4.5 acre Native Plant Park is organized into seven climate zones, representing the different environmental regions of Oregon. Approximately 80% of the native plants around the state will grow successfully in the Umpqua Valley, making this an ideal area to learn about Oregon's natural habitats. Walking paths provide much-needed room for energetic student groups to move around and unusual works of art are hidden among the trees, waiting to be discovered. Our tour guides can teach students about the region, or you can use our park as a demonstration site for your own lessons.

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