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LAEP Invites Los Angeles to Support Exposure Trips on GivingTuesday 2026

The Exposure Trips campaign turns childhood field trip memories into support for learning beyond the classroom

LOS ANGELES, CA — October 2, 2026 — Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP) announced today the launch of its Exposure Trips campaign on Friday, October 2, 2026, culminating on GivingTuesday 2026. The initiative invites the Greater Los Angeles community to support real-world, out-of-classroom educational opportunities for local public school students.

The campaign centers on the premise that equitable education extends far beyond four classroom walls. Conceptualized by Austin Williams, LAEP's Director of Teaching & Learning, the Exposure Trips program aims to **expose** students to new possibilities, **inspire** lifelong curiosity, and **connect** classroom instruction directly to real-world impact.

"At LAEP, we believe equitable education from diapers to diplomasSM extends far beyond classroom walls," said Dr. Dawn A. Kurtz, CEO of Los Angeles Education Partnership. "Exposure trips give students front-row access to environmental science, career pathways, and real-world experiences, showing them that their potential and their learning have no boundaries."

While national headlines highlight declining test scores across the country, hands-on science and experiential learning remain key drivers of student engagement. LAEP aligns with the national perspective advocated by Emmy-winner Quinta Brunson regarding the transformative power of field trips, viewing these out-of-classroom experiences not as a luxury, but as essential learning infrastructure.

"Experiential learning bridges the gap between abstract textbook concepts and real-world application," said Austin Williams, Director of Teaching & Learning at LAEP. "When students step out of the classroom and onto a research vessel or into a museum, their understanding deepens, their curiosity ignites, and their academic journey takes on new meaning."

Through the Exposure Trips campaign, public school students will embark on hands-on educational adventures—from exploring marine science at Algalita to discovering STEAM career pathways and cultural landmarks across Los Angeles—all at no cost to their families.

To expand the reach and scope of these experiences, LAEP is actively seeking community and corporate partners in food service, transportation, and venue destinations to help host, transport, and nourish students along their learning journeys.

Members of the public, prospective partners, and community leaders can support public school children by making a contribution or learning more about partnership opportunities at donorbox.org/exposuretrips.

For more information about LAEP's **Teaching & Learning Exposure Trips** and/or other initiatives, contact Austin Williams at awilliams@laep.org.

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The Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance educational equity. Together with families, schools, and the community, LAEP facilitates access to and opportunities for quality educational and wellness practices so that children thrive from diapers to diplomas. For more information about Los Angeles Education Partnership, please visit www.laep.org.