# Learning at Foothill

Learning at Foothill strives to be at the intersection of science learning, connection to nature, and personal and social growth. Lessons are aligned with state standards, inquiry based and designed to enhance classroom learning.

Science

Connection to Nature

Personal & Social Growth

#### GOAL: Comfort in, Curious about, Love of Nature

#### Lessons include:

- Play, hike and explore
- Comfort in nature
- Exploration
- Inspiring curiosity and developing interest
- Wonder and awe
- Awareness of human impact on environment
- Knowledge to change human impact

#### **GOAL:** Be a Scientist!

Lessons include:

- Observation
  - Exploration
  - Asking questions
  - Communicating with others and arguing with evidence
- Empowering learners to ask and answer their own questions
- Creating excitement learn
- Sparking curiosity

GOAL: Safe social and physical environment in which students can challenge themselves to grow personally and socially

All aspects of the program will:

- Be respectful of individuals
- Ask students to take responsibility
- Balance needs of individual and whole group
- Develop trust of oneself and others
- Encourage students to voice own ideas and listen to others
- Develop and activate counselor leaders

## Students will leave Foothill Horizons Outdoor School:

- Love learning
- Feeling supported as a learner
- With a love of nature---feel comfortable in nature
- With a curiosity about nature and learning
- With tools to learn more
- Having been held accountable for being their personal best
- Having experienced a positive social environment
- Having had their basic needs met

### Mission

Foothill Horizons Outdoor School inspires connections to nature and one another. We provide an interactive outdoor science experience, a collaborative learning environment, and personal growth opportunities through individual challenges. Foothill Horizons Outdoor School develops respectful global citizens dedicated to stewardship in their communities and beyond.