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Specific canned goods sought

Coastside Hope is currently in need of the following canned goods: canned corn, canned peas, and canned fruit.

Donations of these canned goods can be dropped off at Coastside Hope, 99 Alhambra Ave. in El Granada.

For more information, call 726-9071.

Coastal Commission grants available

The California Coastal Commission has announced that \$488,000 will be available for marine education and stewardship projects in its upcoming round of education grants.

Last year, about \$750,000 was awarded across the state to fund 37 projects including, for example, a series of short videos about the California Coastal Trail, taking Boys and Girls Clubs participants kayaking on the Napa River, and an ocean-oriented public lecture series.

That round of grants included the first-ever disbursement of “Protect Our Coast and Oceans” fund tax check-off donations, which were combined with proceeds from California’s whale-tail license plate sales.

Last year, San Mateo County organizations the Pacifica Beach Coalition and Vida Verde Nature Education received money from the program.

Learn more at coastalca.gov.

Wilkinson School students head to Yellowstone

Next week is a big one for Wilkinson School fifth- through eighth-graders. They will be traveling to Yellowstone for an intensive studies science excursion.

The school has traditionally taken students on a spring intensive studies trip that focuses more on social science and history. (Next spring the students are going to England.) This is the first time that students are adding a fall science trip.

This will be an especially meaningful excursion because the teacher organizing the trip, Ariana Mindelzun, was a park ranger at Yellowstone for many years. She intimately knows the geology and ecology of this unique place and has personal connections with many of the naturalists who will guide the students during the week.