

## Sustainability Fund Success:

# THE BIG CHICO CREEK WATERSHED TOUR

The Big Chico Creek Watershed Tour is an innovative project that provides a multidisciplinary learning experience that spans across all sorts of university departments. The goal of the Big Chico Creek Watershed Tour was to give students the opportunity to experience outdoor research. They reached out to the Sustainability Fund Allocation Committee (SFAC) in order to meet this goal. During the tour, students engaged with their environment using hands-on research activities to collect and analyze data from the watershed.

Over two weekends, 45 students were able to explore and participate in civic engagement and service-learning methods outside of the classroom that allowed them to practice critical thinking and develop their own strategies.



One student described his experience, saying that “The Big Chico Creek Watershed Tour is a great place where you can meet so many other people that are also studying in your field as well as go and get some real-world field experience... We learned real techniques that are going to help us... it’s a program that caters to all sorts of majors in a great way.”

Every student who participated in the Big Chico Creek Watershed Tour left with a new set of lenses and essential knowledge, skills, and values to make a difference in their community and environment. The data they've collected is of great value to the Big Chico Creek Watershed, assisting faculty and volunteers in collecting and using this data in order to help make the community we live in a healthier place for all.