

Teen Commission Meeting
November 13, 2024
Presentations

Item #1
Outdoor Recreation
Division

Parks and Recreation Department Outdoor Recreation Division

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Agenda

- Blackberry Farm Golf Course
 - Glow Night Golf
 - Spring Swing Scramble
- Blackberry Farm Park
 - 2024 Season Recap
 - Swim Lessons and Lap Swim
 - Pooch Plunge
- McClellan Ranch Preserve
 - Environmental Education Center
 - 2023-2024 3rd Grade Creek Tour Program
 - 2024 Summer Camp Recap
 - Community Gardens
 - AR Tour

Blackberry Farm Golf Course

	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Rounds of Golf	45,376	37,961
Membership Sales	342	277



Glow Night Golf

	Residents	Non-Residents
November 9, 2023	11	26
December 8, 2023	3	16



Next events scheduled for January 31 and February 28

Spring Swing Scramble

	Residents	Non-Residents
April 23, 2023	9	28
March 23, 2024	17	11



Next event:
March 22



Blackberry Farm Park

Drop-In Swim Passes

2023	2024
8,439 (37% R)	8,239 (44% R)

Memberships Sold

2023	2024
285 (54% R)	381 (58% R)

Membership Check-Ins

2023	2024
2,564 (60% R)	2,927 (70% R)

Picnic Site Usage

2023	2024
13,343 (60% R)	13,041 (58% R)





Swim Lessons and Lap Swim

Swim Lessons	
2023	2024
358 (85% R)	397 (91% R)



New

2024 Lap Swim
147 (85% Residents)

Pooch Plunge

	Residents	Non-Residents
2023	83	104
2024	62	130



McClellan Ranch Preserve



Environmental Education Center

- Open House every Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Hands-on nature activities
 - Local ecology education
 - Meet the animal ambassadors
 - Average of 45-100 visitors per week



Group Reservations at McClellan

New



Nature Walks

Nature Walks along the Stevens Creek Trail discussing local plants and animals.



**Environmental
Education Center Visits**

Environmental Education Center Visits for groups, schools, and educational programs.

Reservation cost based off group sizes

Creek Tours

- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program & the watershed environment
- Updated curriculum
- Aligned to 3rd grade standards
- 9 schools, 700 students
- Resumes this Fall!



Nature Camp and Summer Science Fun

Camp Registration	
2023	2024
170 (82% R)	204 (74% R)

- Enhanced learning
- Highlighting preserve
- Creative content



Summer Camp Partner Collaborations



Community Gardens

- Beginning 7/1/24 terms increased from 3 to 5 years
- \$150 deposit and \$110 annual fee
- Priority given to residents who
 - Live in high-density housing
 - Enrolled in PG&E CARE program
- Gardeners must verify residency
- 70% of active gardeners are 50+



McClellan Ranch Gardens

- 104 plots in use
- 2 vacant ADA plots available
- 1 ADA plot used as EEC demo and animal care garden
- 0 on waitlist



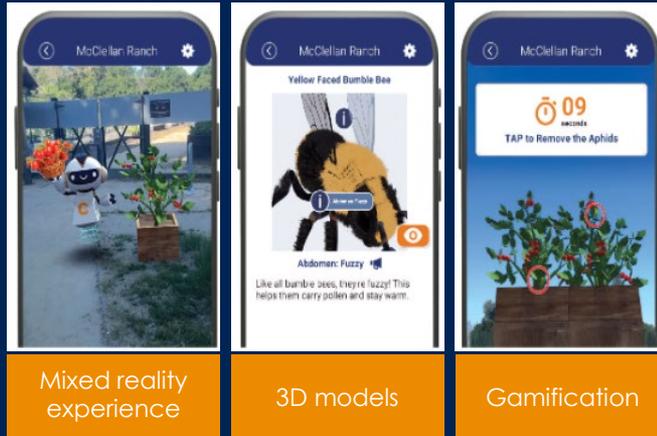
Wilson Park Gardens

- 14 plots in use
- 1 vacant ADA plot available
- 9 on waitlist



Augmented Reality App (Now Live!)

Six stations highlight key features



1. **Introduction** - EEC
2. **Habitat restoration** - Grassroots
3. **3D Acorn Woodpecker** - Audubon
4. **Bee Project** - 4-H Beekeepers
5. **Crops, and benefits of community garden** - Master Gardeners
6. **Steelhead trout** as a protected species – Stevens Creek

Questions?



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Item #3
Youth Led Organization,
Tino Eco



tackling environmental doomism

TINO ECO

Presented by Tino Eco
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Mission Statement

Tino Eco is a youth-led environmental nonprofit that strives to spread **environmental literacy and engagement** on a community level by providing a network of resources and access to opportunities to tackle environmental doomism.

- Create a positive impact on our community for the long run
- Creating opportunities to be out in nature for the general public



- our club is the perfect introduction to people interested in climate change & environmental degradation
- get people started with taking action and out of the **environmental doomist** mindset
- Volunteering opportunities
- Plenty of leadership opportunities
- builds community + don't have to have prior **knowledge**, we have many initiatives to help them learn



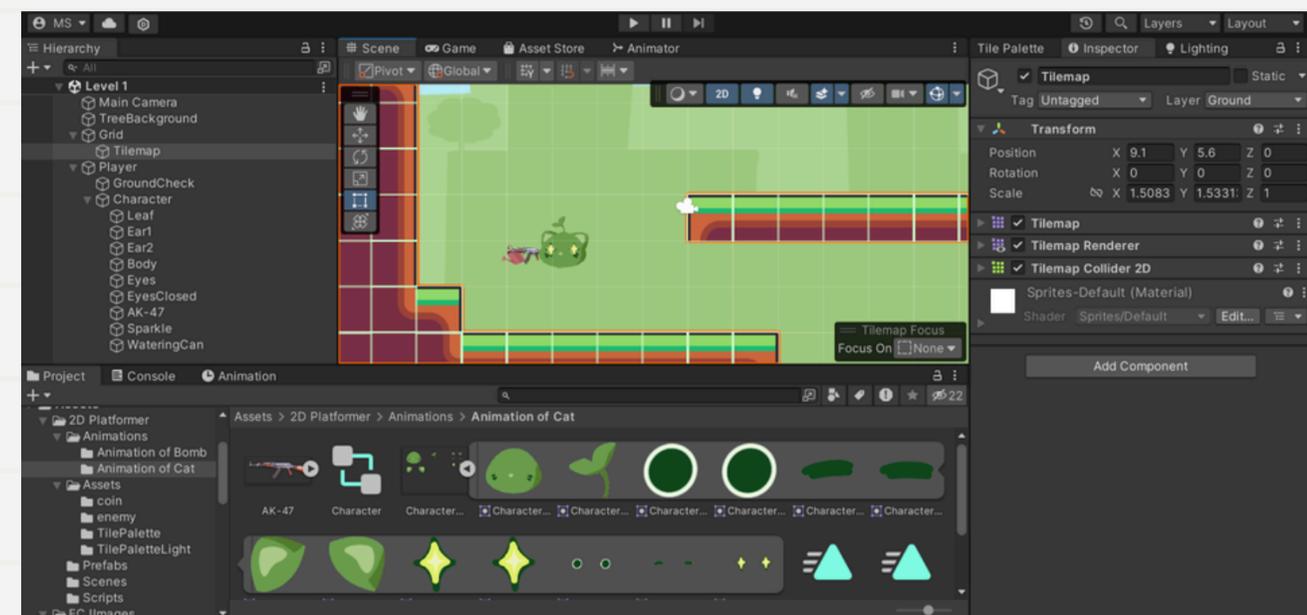
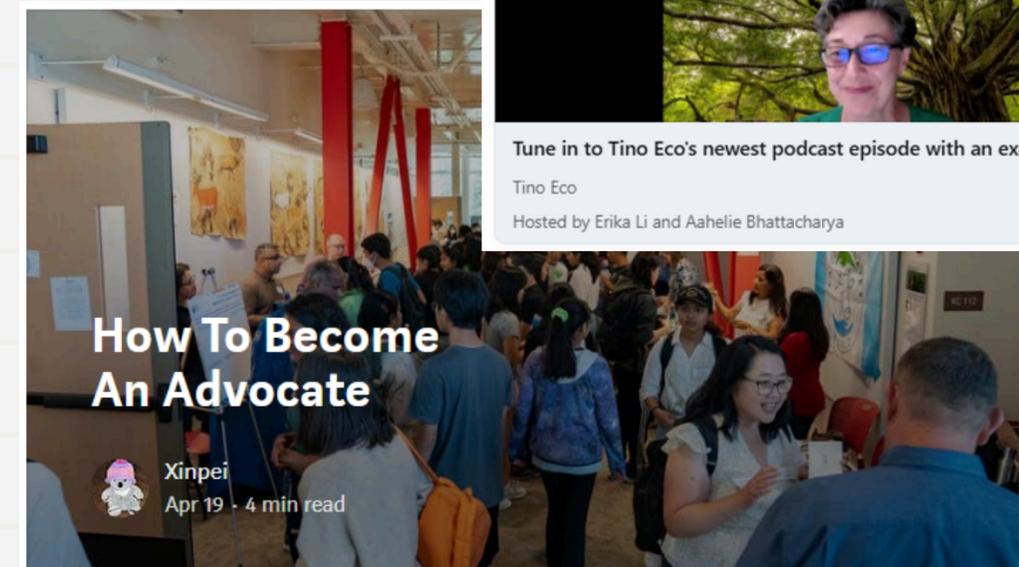
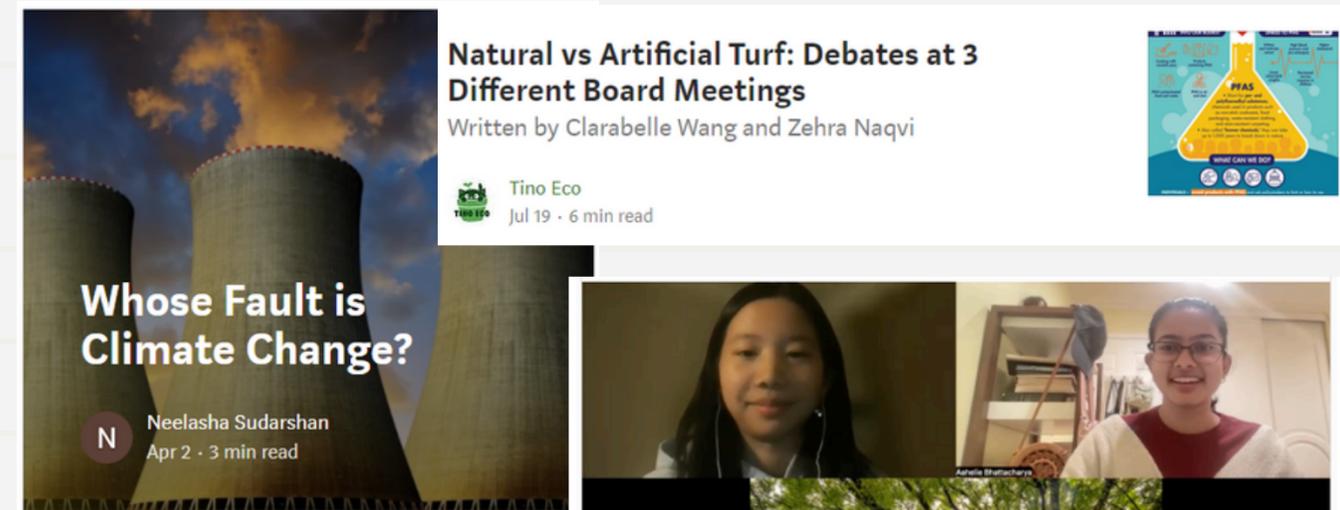
Inform

Publication: informing others of many different niche environmental topics through easy to read articles

- both writers and readers can see how interdisciplinary environmental field is
- solution orientated

Flexibility: allows and support members/officers to create projects and events

- to apply what they have learnt
- to combine their interests

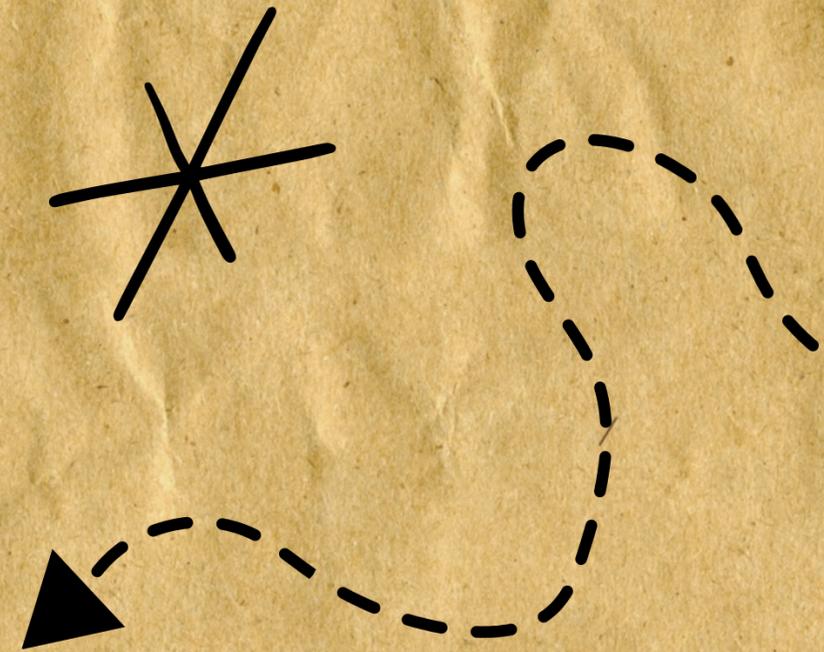




Community & Inclusivity

Tino Eco strives to effect positive change in our community by bringing out the best in youth:

- > encouraging stewardship
- > making youth voices heard and valued
- > connecting a close-knit community of likeminded peers
- > fostering a safe space for environmental discussion





Adopt-A-Park

Consistent outdoor volunteering
Sunday mornings at Rainbow Park San Jose
Local park -> Accessible



Cleanup Walk

Organize walk-a-thon
Instill healthy lifestyle habits
Bonding event open to all



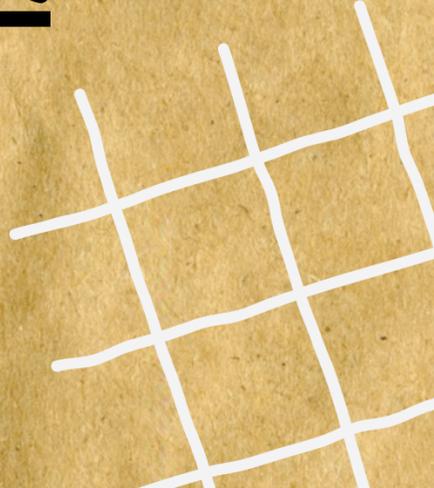


98%

of mental health outcomes improved after
active engagement with natural environment



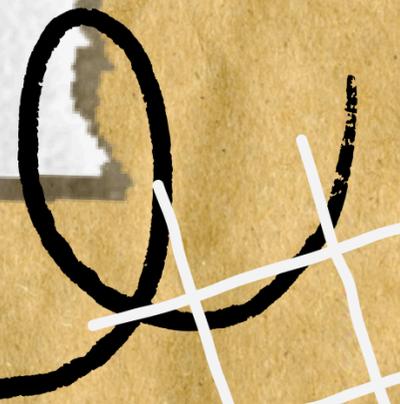
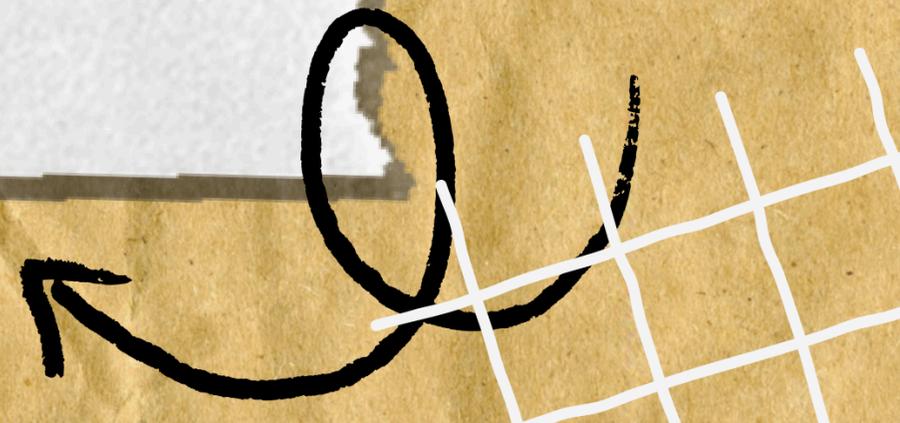
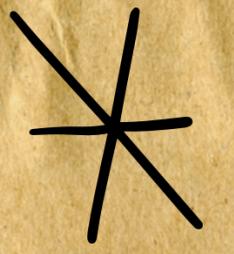
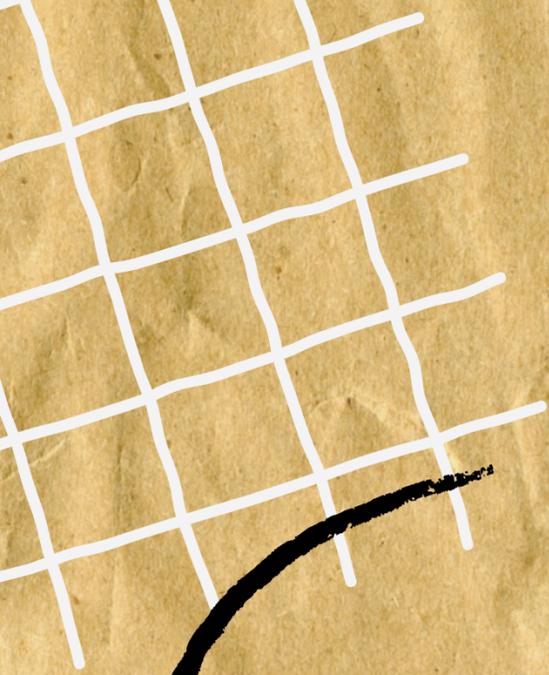
Our Adopt-A-Park and Cleanup Walk initiatives offer an opportunity for students to destress







Thank you!



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Item #6

Evaluation of Tino Eco for
Teen Commission Highlight
Program

Parks and Recreation Department Evaluation of Youth Led Organization for Highlight

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Agenda

- Review Youth Led Organization Application
- Consider Youth Led Organization for Highlight spot by Teen Commission

Reminder of the Questions to Answer

- What is your YLO's goals?
- What do you want to achieve?
- What are your plans to increase engagement in the future?
- What are the plans for the YLO after you graduate from high school?
- Do you have a plan for the longevity of the organization?
- Why do they want the YLO highlight?
- What is the organization's impact on Cupertino?
- What made them want to start the YLO?

Organization

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Organization Continued

- For the past two years, starting from April 2022 our organization was officially launched.
- The organization consists of over twenty core members, however we have a volunteer program and provide opportunities for their students to get involved through their written works and advocacy.

How Many Events?

- 10 events/programs. Tino Eco have tabled at 3 events: Cupertino 2022 Night Market, FUHSD 2024 Earth Day Festival, City of Cupertino 2024 Earth Day Festival; ran 1 competition: Carbon Footprint Competition; ran 2 events: Carbon Footprint Competition Award Ceremony, Clothing Fundraiser; and is currently running 4 programs: Adopt A Park, Publication, Podcast, and Recycling Fundraiser.

What Does the Organization Do?

- Our organization serves participants in person and virtually. Our Adopt a Park program is an in-person volunteering opportunity while the publication/podcast program is a virtual program. These programs help us interact with the public directly and create a strong community to fight for environmental justice.

How Does the Organization Engage Participants?

- Adopt A Park provides members with a consistent bi-weekly volunteer opportunity to clean up and beautify Rainbow Park. By writing articles on climate/environmental topics to be published on Medium and designing a short snippet to be posted on the Tino Eco Instagram account, members can join the Tino Eco Publication Team and take part in spreading awareness.

What are the Plans for the After Graduation?

- Tino Eco aims to maintain its status as a high-school led organization. To ensure a smooth transition of leadership, we have established a trainee program to prepare trainees for their designated role once current officers graduate from high school. Tino Eco is also planning to make a board of directors with old officers to manage more legal stuff like finally making Tino Eco a non-profit and also give the new officers advice.

What Makes the Organization Unique?

- Tino Eco engages the public with a series of different platforms such as volunteer events, articles, and podcasts. Over the past years of our creation, we have built platforms to strive for something the youth finds to be a problem: inclusivity. As a result, we have programs that are inclusive for all ages, genders, religions, etc.–anyone can jump in anytime or anywhere.

What Makes the Organization Unique?

- In addition, different talents and interests are also encouraged. Strong writers have the opportunity to voice their opinions through publication, orators can speak at public forum events, and anyone genuinely passionate for the environment can take part in our hands-on activities whether they are interested in art, governance, engineering, or literature.

Why should Teen Commission Highlight the Organization?

- Tino Eco not only provides opportunities for youth to be involved in their community but also accessible and comprehensible resources for everyone to learn more about the environment. The Teen Commission values organizations that bring out the best in youth and make an everlasting impact on the community; thus, with the issues we have faced with the climate change movement, Tino Eco has been a strong supporter of greater change.

Why should Teen Commission Highlight the Organization?

- Climate change continues to be the biggest overarching issue towards mankind while environmental propaganda and doomism continues to spread. Tino Eco, for the past years, has been tackling those issues through spreading environmental literacy which we believe is a necessity.

Questions?



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