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Welcome Letter

Dear Redwood's Environmental Academy of Leadership Program Youth & Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased that you have been invited by Ms. Lisa Melendy to be in **Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Sustainable Education Toolkit BETA Program**. We look forward to working – and learning– from you.

The BETA Program is a 10-week leadership program from March 4-May 27, 2022.

You will learn about amazing young people who are helping to build a more just, equitable and sustainable world. You will receive the book they are featured in, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*.

Working with the Institute's Team, you will broaden your horizons on leadership, sustainability and technology.

In the **Sustainable Education Toolkit**, you will discover how to deepen your awareness in each Lesson Plan:

- **Language Arts:** Express your ideas and thoughts;
- **STEM Activities and Sustainability Innovations:** Enhance your awareness and knowledge;
- **Sustainable Career Pathways:** Explore how you can take action towards your future goals.

The **BETA Program** will enhance the **Redwood's Environmental Academy of Leadership Program** by creating real-life role models and opportunities in your fields of interest, gain real-world learning and have fun!

Next Steps

1. Complete your **Application:** <https://sustainwdn.com/redwood-high-school-beta-application/>
2. **Parents and guardians:** Be sure to read through the Application and sign it.
3. Review & sign the **Video Permission Form:** Download at <https://bit.ly/3h1bJMF>
4. Complete **Performance Metrics:** <https://sustainwdn.com/performance-metrics-2022/>
5. Complete the **Sustainability Survey:** Trevor@stonesoupleadership.org
6. We are creating a special online portal where you'll find our tools – check out our West Coast site <https://sustainwdn.com/redwood-high-school-beta/>

About the Stone Soup Leadership Institute

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's mission is to train young people to build a more just, equitable and sustainable world. For over 25 years, the Institute has been a leader in developing dynamic educational tools, trainings, and resources that expand young people's appreciation for STEM and sustainable education.

Our Team: We are proud to have an exceptionally strong team comprised of academics, educators, researchers and youth leaders from a diversity of cultures. We use a collaborative learning process to develop this companion curriculum. Their diverse cultural, professional, and educational backgrounds ensures that the team as a whole has diverse points of view, and that each of the lesson plans has a rich, engaging, and global perspective.

The Institute's BETA Sites: The Institute is a Massachusetts registered non-profit organization training multicultural youth to be leaders in their lives, communities and our world. We have conducted BETA programs in Massachusetts communities: Martha's Vineyard, Holyoke, Boston, Cape Cod, Fall River and New Bedford as well as Vieques, Puerto Rico, Virgin Gorda, BVI and Hawaii.