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Kids, Get Out Your Crayons and Paint!

Eastern Sierra Land Trust to host a free morning of creatively exploring nature on August 10th, filled with educational games, colorful art projects, and live-painting with local artist Lynn Marit Peterson.

With school out and summer almost halfway through, families everywhere are looking for ways to keep their kids engaged and active – and local non-profit Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) is offering a great opportunity to do just that.

On August 10th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., families with children between the ages of 5 and 12 can join ESLT’s free “Crayons and Paint” event and have fun getting creative in nature.

There, kids and parents will team up to play games that teach about local wildlife, animal tracks, native plants and more. At an open-art station, everyone can get creative and a little messy as they work on unique art projects, including special clay leaf prints. Local artist Lynn Marit Peterson will be there to create a one-of-a-kind live painting inspired by the beautiful Eastern Sierra scenery. After the day’s activities, participants are invited to enjoy an optional picnic lunch in the shade. Everyone will leave with an activity book so they can keep the outdoor fun and learning going all summer long!

Crayons and Paint will take place at Karen’s Preserve, a 33-acre parcel of land on the Sierra slopes overlooking Crowley Lake. Thanks to community support, this scenic spot was protected forever in 2008 by Eastern Sierra Land Trust with funding from the California Wildlife Conservation Board so that it may forever provide important habitat for mule deer, birds, and other wildlife. The Preserve is named in honor of Karen Ferrell-Ingram, an inspiring and influential leader who played a central role in founding Eastern Sierra Land Trust.

Guests should bring their own lunch to Karen’s Preserve on August 10th if they plan to stay for the picnic, and are asked to please leave dogs at home. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, guardians, and anyone else with little loved ones are invited to join for this fun morning. Community members without children are encouraged to join Crayons & Paint as a volunteer, where they can help organize and run activities alongside other ESLT volunteers. To learn more, please contact Marie using the contact information below.

Attendance is limited! Anyone interested in joining this event should sign up before August 3rd by contacting Marie Ring, ESLT Education Coordinator and AmeriCorps Member at marie@eslt.org or (760) 873 – 4554.



Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to conserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. To learn more about ESLT's work and how to get involved, please visit www.eslt.org.

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Photo Caption 1: At Eastern Sierra Land Trust's Crayons and Paint event on August 10th, kids and their families are invited to play games, get creative and explore nature at Karen's Preserve.



Photo Caption 2: Both kids and adults can have fun experimenting with different art mediums. They can find artistic inspiration in the beauty of Karen's Preserve at ESLT's Crayons and Paint © Amy Leist.