

Stone Ranch Elementary

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PTA Volunteer Opportunity Descriptions/Dates 2024-2025

Questions? Email sresvpvolunteers@gmail.com

Link to volunteer interest form: <https://forms.gle/Si6r9JSkmGpJPK1f8>

YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Hospitality

(Chair: Jayme Chung)

Bring in coffee/donuts for PTA Association meetings (September 12, 2024 8:00am; January 16, 2025 8:00am; March 13, 2025 8:00am; May 8, 2025 8:30am)

Library Helpers

(Chair: Cathy Keast)

Volunteers help with tasks in the library such as reading to classes, checking books in and out, returning books to the shelves, repairing books, and decorating bulletin boards.

Passive Fundraising

(Chair: Elissa O'Keefe)

Volunteers help manage the Escrip, Box Tops, Ralphs, and Target programs at Stone Ranch.

Yearbook

(Chairs: Annamarie Mendoza-Cruz and Stephanie Wong)

The yearbook staff is 100% volunteer run. Volunteers help with taking/gathering pictures at gatherings, events and on spirit days throughout the school year, edit photos and help with yearbook layout.

Sprint Squad

(Chair: Jayme Chung)

Sprint Squad is a non-competitive group focused on promoting physical activity through running, jogging, and walking. Students of all athletic abilities are welcomed. Incentive prizes will be awarded for 1 mile, 5k, 5 miles, 10k, 10mi, 13.1 miles, and 26.2 mile cumulative distances. Monthly prizes are also awarded for attendance/participation.

Volunteers: We are looking for up to 4 Volunteers to help us mark off the runners' laps so we can track the distance they run each week. The commitment will be for 20 mins every Thursday morning from 7:20 - 7:40am, October 3 - May 29, 2025

Science Olympiad

(Chair: Ketaki Raste/Ashay Ronghe)

Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of

science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. The program is open to students in 3rd-5th grades.

Students work together in teams of up to 15 to compete in up to 23 events covering fields and topics including: anatomy and biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, geology, mechanical and structural engineering, and technology.

Starting in September SRES Teams meet once a week for one hour after school in preparation for the regional tournament in the Spring.

Program Chair Responsibilities: The Chair (aka the Head Coach) manages the call-to-action announcing the program. Will be the point of contact for any program questions. Manages the team selection, securing and directing the volunteer coaches, manages the PTA provided budget, responsible for tournament registration and next steps for any contest winners. Plans a celebratory awards celebration in the Spring.

Volunteers: Sign up to be a coach and lead a team of future scientists.

Math Olympiad

(Chair: Vivek Jaiswal)

Dates: September and Spring date TBD

Mathematical Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools. MOEMS® is a nonprofit public foundation which provides opportunities for children to engage in creative problem-solving activities which develop a child's ability to reason, be logical, be resourceful, and occasionally be ingenious. The program is open to students in 3rd-5th grades.

Contest Overview:

- Total of five (5) contests
- One contest every month from November 2023 – March 2024
- Each contest has five (5) questions – Duration 30 minutes

Starting in September SRES Teams meet once a week for one hour after school in preparation for the monthly contests..

Program Chair Responsibilities: The Chair manages the call-to-action announcing the program. Will be the point of contact for any program questions. Manages the team selection, securing and directing the volunteer coaches, manages the PTA provided budget, team registration process and next steps for any division winners. Plans a celebratory awards celebration in the Spring.

Volunteers: Sign up to be a coach and lead a team of future mathematicians.

First Lego League

(Chair: Vivek Gangadharan)

Date: Ongoing

FIRST® *LEGO*® League introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Participants gain real-world problem solving experience through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together. Start or join a team today, open to 2nd - 5th Grades.

Program Chair Responsibilities: The Chair will be the main point of contact between the various SRES Lego teams for team support, student placement, supply needs and registration fees.

Volunteers: Sign up to be a coach and lead a team of lego enthusiasts.

FALL EVENTS 2024

Debate Club

(Chair: Sabitha Papineni)

The Stone Ranch Debate Club will show students how to participate in a formal contest of argumentation between students by preparing a speech with a position on a topic and delivering that speech in front of their peers. More importantly, however, debate is a way for those who hold opposing views to discuss controversial issues without descending to insult, emotional appeals, or personal bias. Debate club is an in-person program and **a volunteer driven program (we cannot function without parent volunteers)**. The program is open to students in 3rd-5th grades.

Starting in September, Weekly meetings will be held in the MPR on THURSDAYS 12:30 - 1:30 from September 5th until November 21st.

The competitions will be held in the evenings the first week of December 2nd- 5th.

Volunteers: Sign up to help mentor Debate Club members as they prepare for debate competitions.

APEX Fun Run

(Chair: PTA Executive Board Members)

Date: September 5th

This is our annual fundraising event culminating in a Fun Run on September 5th. At a dedicated time in the morning, each student will get to run/walk the APEX track to earn the money they have raised for the school over the previous 2 weeks. Time slots will be assigned by grade level.

Volunteers: We are looking for 20+ parents/guardians to help during **EACH** scheduled grade level time slot. Volunteers will be asked to help tally runs on student t-shirts, pass out buckets of Otter Pops to each class post run, help keep water cups full at the hydration station, and help to monitor the cooling station, etc.

Trailblazer RoundUp

(Chair: PTA Executive Board Members)

Date: September 27th

This is our annual school kickoff event that is free to Stone Ranch students, families and the community. There are multiple areas where volunteers are needed including set up/take down, clean up, running games, and the cake walk.

Reflections Art Program

(Chair: Ally Burkett)

Dates: September/October

A National PTA Program, the Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life. Students can submit original pieces in Art, Literature, Music, Photography, Theater, Film, etc.

Program Chair Responsibilities: The Chair manages the call-to-action announcing the program. Will be the point of contact for any program questions. Manages the submission process and next steps for any category winners. Oversees the PTA provided budget. Plans a celebratory ice cream social after school for all of the participants.

Red Ribbon Week/Character Counts

(Chairs: Tara Garrett and Lynn Kuhlmann)

Dates: October 21-25

Volunteers will help plan events to promote drug education and bring awareness to the students implementing the 6 pillars of character.

Book Fair

(Chairs: Tara Garrett; Co-Chair OPEN)

Dates: November 4-8

Volunteers set up/take down the Scholastic book fair, clean up, organize and restock the bookshelves daily. Help with checkout during school as well as ½ hour before and after school and help with the breakfast event and an evening event.

WINTER EVENTS 2024/2025

Giving Tree

(Chair: Atira Harris)

Dates: November/December

Coordinate donations from SRES families and local businesses for the purchase of gifts/gift cards to be given out during the holidays to families in need at Stone Ranch and other Poway Unified schools.

Spelling Bee

(Chairs: Kate Longcroft-Neal and Jayme Chung)

Dates: January 28

Volunteers will help with set up/take down, clean up and during Bee. Times may vary depending on students participating.

Handprint Tiles

(Chair: Ramya Nagaraj)

Date: TBD

Volunteers coordinate the creation and placement of hand print tiles for students and staff.

SPRING EVENTS 2024

Field Day

(Chair: Melanie Hickson)

Date: March 3 & 5

Volunteers will help with set up/take down of games, check-in classes, leading games with students, and passing out popsicles to students.

Family Dance

(Chair: Lynn Kuhlmann and Audra Gillespie)

Date: March 7

Fun and free dance open to all Stone Ranch families! Volunteers needed to help setup, greet families as they arrive, help with a variety of tasks during the dance, and clean up after the event.

Read-A-Thon

(Chair: Melanie Hickson and Jayme Chung)

Date: March 17 - 30

The Read-A-Thon challenges students to read as much as they can while collecting pledges from family and friends for meeting their reading goals. Volunteers are needed to help plan the event, distribute information, and recognize the efforts of our students.

Variety Show

(Chairs: Chelsea Kaufman, Co-Chair OPEN)

Dates: March/April

Volunteers plan and organize a variety show that will showcase the many talents of our students. Leading up to the show, volunteers will help with the audition process and coordinate the show's line up. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up, clean up and assisting the 5th grade students running the show.

Staff Appreciation Week

(Chair: Kristy Carbajal)

Date: May 5 - 9

Volunteers help with Staff Appreciation breakfast and luncheon. Including planning, set-up and clean-up.

International Fair

(Chair: Juliet Nabakka)

Date: May 16

Families join together to represent and host a country's booth showcasing culture, food, arts, performance arts or folk crafts. This event is a great opportunity for the SRES community to see and enjoy our vast diversity. Volunteers are needed to represent their country of origin or heritage.

5th Grade Promotion

(Chair: Valerie Massey, Tara Garrett)

Date: June 11

This is a wonderful opportunity for 4th grade parents to pay it forward to the promoting 5th grade parents. Prior to promotion, volunteers plan and host reception following 5th grade promotion. Volunteers help with set up and clean up.