

Photo Highlights from Team Oakland 2019

Participating in Team Oakland benefits cleaner neighborhoods and parks. On an individual level, Team Oakland experiences and training help shape and develop work practices, community participation, and environmental stewardship. These impacts can also influence the networks of peers, parents, and community members interacting with Team Oakland participants



Clockwise from top left: Native plant nursery project with Friends of Sausal Creek; water quality testing with Friends of Sausal Creek; Landscaping and environmental education at the Rotary Nature Center.

YEP partnered with Oakland Public Works (OPW), Oakland Fire Department (OFD), Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development (OPRYD), Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC), Planting Justice, and community/neighborhood volunteers to offer weekly special projects. These projects often take place in parks and provide additional job training experience and professional networking for the youth.

Park and garden projects have helped achieve landscaping, habitat restoration, and gardening goals for the City of Oakland.



Landscaping at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park. This team helped with weeding, mulching, painting, and habitat restoration and received hands on gardening training as well as a tour of the historic house. A before and after sequence shows pathway overgrowth trimmed and tidied.



In 2019 Team Oakland began a new partnership assisting Oakland Fire Department (OFD) to manage fire fuels in the Oakland hills in an effort to ward off catastrophic wild fires. Team Oakland workdays with OFD and Park Maintenance helped bring Joaquin Miller Park into OFD compliance for fire safety around Woodminster Amphitheater.



Assisting Oakland Fire Department and OPW Park Maintenance Division with fire fuels reduction in Joaquin Miller Park. Participants received hands-on training and education in this emerging issue for California and the West.



*Top: removing litter and illegal dumping,
Bottom: assisting Adopt a Spot volunteers with graffiti removal in Northgate.
Right middle: poster image created by Oaktown PROUD Student Ambassador participant.*