Where to Start in Ventura and Nearby Counties

Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Kern counties are part of Region 8 of the state’s Expanded Learning Technical Assistance System.

The Ventura County Office of Education acts as the regional lead for expanded learning programs, including after-school and summer learning programming. Contact Amy Cranston, 805-437-1376, Email: acranston@vcoe.org or Ernesto Duran, 805-437-1390, Email: eduran@vcoe.org.

Local Support Organization Examples

Fun in the Sun is a six-week summer learning program provided by United Way of Santa Barbara County. The program is targeted to academically and financially at-risk children, and provides them with hands-on, project-based lessons. It also partners with over 70 local public and private organizations. More information is available at http://www.unitedwaysb.org/fun-sun-0.

VC STEM is a STEM EcoSystem Initiative coordinated by the Ventura County P-20 Council and led by CSU Channel Islands. It has created an action group that is looking into how, where, and when students can be provided with more high-quality STEM opportunities during “out of school” time, including summer. Contact information and more about VC STEM is available at www.vcstem.org.

School districts in the region that are partners in VC STEM include:
» Oxnard Elementary School District
» Oxnard Union High School District
» Santa Paula Unified School District

A full list of partners in the initiative is available at www.vcstem.org/partners.