COMPLETING THE KOKTE QUEST

Grades: K-12   **Subjects:** Science, Environmental Studies, Social Studies, Language Arts

Group Size: 2+   **Duration:** 45-75 min.

Setting: The Kokte Ranch

Key Words: native species and wildlife habitat, riparian restoration, ecology, salmon lifecycle and habitat, and bird, amphibian, and insect identification

Goals/Objectives: Students will complete 'The Kokte Quest: A Treasure Hike Along The Jacoby Creek'. They will follow clues about the history and ecology of the Jacoby Creek to find 2 hidden treasure boxes. Along the way, they will learn to identify native and non-native species of plants and animals.

Background: 'The Kokte Quest: A Treasure Hike Along The Jacoby Creek' is a fun, guided educational treasure hunt about Kokte, the Wiyot word for the Jacoby Creek area. A quest is a community treasure hunt that guides people through -- and teaches them how to see -- a unique community treasure. This quest was created by the Student Advisory Board (a group of local teens) and the staff of the JCLT. You will follow clues about the history and ecology of the riparian area along the banks of the Jacoby Creek in order to find 2 hidden treasure boxes.

Materials & Prep: Pick up enough copies for each person of 'The Kokte Quest' at the Kokte Ranch or download and print it from our website: www.jclandtrust.org.

Activity: Print or pick-up your copies of 'The Kokte Quest' and pass them out, one for each hiker. Read the directions on the front cover under 'How to Quest.' Follow the clues and share the responsibility of reading them aloud. Depending on the size of your group, you may want to split up into smaller groups so everyone has the opportunity to read. Afterwards, gather together as a group and discuss what you learned about this special place. Write in your journals about what you've learned. If you could create a quest, what special place would it be about and why?