

**Trout in the Classroom**  
**Sponsored by Kaweah Fly Fishers**  
**Trout Release Field Trips**

These schedules apply to field trips at River Ridge Ranch

I'm attaching a couple of sample schedules for release field trips you can review. These are pretty typical, but don't think you're restricted to what we offer. You can also do your own stations for things such as journaling, drawing –several children brought cameras last year, suggesting an interest in photography. River Ridge volunteers (if available) do four stations. You can pick and choose from those four and add your own innovations.

We require our classes to include time for clean up, too. This could be an opportunity for a “clean-up the planet” kind of activity. The grounds need to be policed for pencils, lunch sacks, and even micro-trash (small pieces of plastic or metal) that can harm wildlife.

We strongly suggest that you split your students into teams prior to getting off the bus. It will save time once they're on the ground. Our most successful teachers have the students line up in their teams as they get off the bus. They're given instructions about where the learning stations are, how to move from one station to the next at the sound of the air horn (one of our volunteers sounds the time changes) and where to find the restrooms. We like at least 2 adults with each team and they should stay with the team throughout the activities.

Look on the web site for descriptions of the activities [www.georgepilling.com/tic](http://www.georgepilling.com/tic)  
Feel free to call or email if you have questions.

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**Teacher or parent staffed:**

**Journal Writing**

**Found Art Station**

**River Ridge Volunteer Staffed (as volunteers are available):**

**Nature Trail**

**Long Haul**

**Stream Ecology and Trout Release**

**South River Trail**

**Clean-up time.** Required.

**One elementary class example**  
**Approx. 30 students**  
**Activity Schedule for Trout-Fry-Release Field Trip**

<b>Mr. Teacher's 5th Grade Class</b>				
<b>Times</b>	<b>Team 1</b>	<b>Team 2</b>	<b>Team 3</b>	<b>Team 4</b>
9:30 - 9:55	Arrival and Orientation. Split into teams.			
10:00 - 10:23	Journal Writing	Long Haul	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Nature Trail
10:25 - 10:48	Nature Trail	Journal Writing	Long Haul	Stream Ecology and Trout Release
10:50 - 11:13	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Nature Trail	Journal Writing	Long Haul
11:15 - 11:37	Long Haul	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Nature Trail	Journal Writing
11:40 - 12:20	Lunch			
12:20 - 12:50	Found Art			
12:55 - 1:15	South River Trail			
1:15-1:25	Caring for the Planet (clean up the area)			
1:30	Depart			

## 60 - 90 student Elementary Trout Release Field Trip

	Teacher 1			Teacher 2		
Times	Blue	Red	Yellow	Purple	Orange	Green
9:30 AM	Arrive, Hike to Activity Area, Orientation					
9:45 to 10:08	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Journal Writing	Long Haul	Nature Trail	South River Trail	Found Art
10:10 to 10:33	Found Art	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Journal Writing	Long Haul	Nature Trail	South River Trail
10:35 to 10:58	South River Trail	Found Art	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Journal Writing	Long Haul	Nature Trail
11:00 to 11:23	Nature Trail	South River Trail	Found Art	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Journal Writing	Long Haul
11:25 to 11:48	Long Haul	Nature Trail	South River Trail	Found Art	Stream Ecology and Trout Release	Journal Writing
11:50 to 12:13	Journal Writing	Long Haul	Nature Trail	South River Trail	Found Art	Stream Ecology and Trout Release
12:15 to 12:45	Lunch					
12:45 to 1:15	Group activities (rarely is there time for this)					
1:15-1:25	Caring for the Planet (Clean up activity areas) Load up the bus.					
1:30 PM	Depart					