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Troop 30378 Moraga Girl Scouts Appreciate Nature

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Moraga Girl Scout Troop 30378, composed of 5th graders from Camino Pablo Elementary School, explored a fabulous East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) trail. On September 22, 2010, the girl scouts met at nearby Rancho Laguna Park to begin their hike on EBMUD's Kings Canyon trail. This is a wide, fairly flat trail--easy for a first-time hiker. Along the way, they saw and took pictures of a flock of pelicans, a lizard, a small snake, and flowers. At the half way point, the girls sat down to eat apples and draw in observation journals. Local trails enable scouts to connect with nature, observe wildlife, and learn about watershed and reservoirs. Family permits are easy to obtain on EBMUD's website: <http://www.ebmud.com/recreation/trail-use-permit/east-bay-trails>. The hike offered the opportunity for scouts to practice Leave No Trace principles and fulfill the Girl Scout slogan, "do a good deed daily," by picking up trash.

Troop 30378, (front row, left to right): Paige, Abby, Remi; (Back row, left to right): Lauren, Jacqueline, Fiona, Amanda, Ally, Emma, Isabel, Carolyn, Sophie. Photo provided

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