



Santa Ynez Valley Children's Museum



The Santa Ynez Valley Children's Museum provides educational, open-ended play in an outdoor setting, for children in our community and beyond.

We are raising \$500,000 to build at 202 Dairyland Road in Buellton, California near River View Park and the new library.

SYVCM Garden

The organic garden is designed to inspire children's interest in plants and natural cycles. Year round activities in the garden will include: seed starting and saving, transplanting, pollinator and plant education, composting, arts and crafts, cooking projects, free play and more.



Truck Zone

We are building an area with various hills, valleys, and different sized tires to be used with mini excavators, tractors, and trucks. The children can create different tracks and "build sites" within the area.



Spare Parts Play Station

An active zone where kids can saw, hammer, build and take apart things.



Fairyland

This will be an interactive play area where visitors can walk through a fantasy fairy area with a tea garden and wishing well.



SYVCM Mud Kitchen

This is an outdoor playspace with a multi-station table where kids can have hands-on interaction with materials to make mud, tools to transform the area into their own beautiful mud creations.



Water Feature

Our water feature will be a long, recirculating waterway in the shape of a natural stone-lined streambed. Beginning of the waterway is a walk-in gazebo that rains periodically, flooding the waterway, teaching kids about rain, storms, floodplains, etc. End of the waterway is a shallow, concrete basin appropriate for even the smallest kids to splash around. There will also be life-size animal footprints leading up to the concrete basin so kids can study animal tracks.



Music Zone

We are building a musical garden with moon gate arch entrance, standing xylophone, drums, flower/mushroom instruments, music wall and decorative music notes stepping stones. The children will be able to create music in a variety of ways while being inspired by nature.



Slides & Climbing Structure

There will be a variety of options of slides to get down the hill, including straight slides, curvy slides, and a double-wide slide for families and three or four options to climb back up, including stairs and climbing walls.



SYVCM Forts

We have space for 3 forts on our property. Each will have its own unique theme and play area for children to explore and be inspired by. Each fort will have an open-concept so guardians may allow free play in the forts while still having easy access and line-of-sight.



Donor Mural

This will be a large cut-out mural on our entryway fence of clouds, and sunflowers. They will be mounted to the fence and each donor will have their name printed on a cloud/petal/leaf.



Barn Interior

We have an existing barn onsite that we would like to finish off the interior to include: makerspace, baby zone, reading zone, 15' x 6' mural, electrical, seating, storage and shelving.

