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## *Bee-friendly at Beltane*



*Photo by Alec Peters*

On May 17, girls from Girl Scout Troops 11095 and 10890 went to Beltane Ranch in Glen Ellen to plant habitat for honeybees and other pollinators. Sponsored by the North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council, the girls first learned about the current challenges for native bees, pollination, and the importance of establishing bee forage habitat. The scouts got their hands dirty, preparing an area in Beltane's garden by clearing rocks and setting out plants. Then the planting began with bee friendly plants such as lavender, rosemary, milkweed, buckwheat, marigolds and sunflowers. Pizza for lunch was the reward for all the hard work, as well as the knowledge that they played a part in helping essential honeybee populations.

Back row L to R: Tita Rodriguez, Georgia Laganieri, Delaney Rolland, and Belle Birge. Front row L to R: Dahlia Laganieri, Shannon Coleman, Gabriella Rolland, Delilah Jagdfeld and Avery Hinkle.

## Governor wants to close SDC in three years