

Camille Ruth Armstrong

As a native of San Diego County, Camille Armstrong fell in love with our county's chaparral, oak woodlands, desert, and ocean habitats. Her desire to protect these habitats motivated her to become involved in environmental preservation and education in 1986.

Camille began her activism and conservation organizing with federal wilderness advocacy for the **California Desert Protection Act** (1987 - 1994). Camille was the volunteer organizer for the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club, Desert Protection Act Task Force. She met her husband, Geoffrey Smith, in this exciting and successful campaign for 7 million acres of desert preservation. She has continued wilderness organizing for passage of the current **California Wild Heritage Act** (Boxer) 1999-present. <http://www.californiawild.org>. With the CA Wild Heritage Campaign, Camille & Geoffrey led the volunteer efforts to field survey and map our local roadless areas, educate and ask for support by dozens of local elected officials, lead outings, and join with the entire state effort for 2.4 million acres to be designated federal wilderness. In addition to her wilderness campaign work, Camille has helped train Sierra Club members to be activists through her **Conservation Action Leader training program** (1995-2000), and led the efforts to establish San Diego and National conservation outing programs.

Ms. Armstrong has been employed as an elementary public school teacher in Valley Center for 29 years, retiring from public school teaching in 2008. While with public schools, she developed several environmental education programs, such as a **fourth grade with an environmental focus classroom, school-wide recycling, "garbage busting"**, and **Earth Day** and **John Muir Day** activities.

Please contact Camille directly to discuss availability for contract work.

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