

BUTTERFLY PROJECT

Background

In early 2020, J. Paul Taylor Academy (JPTA) middle school students worked with the NMSU College Assistance Migrant Program (NMSU CAMP) Student Council to explore the realities of farmworkers in our community. CAMP leaders created opportunities for artistic exploration, inviting JPTA students to cultivate empathy, deepen their understanding of agricultural labor, and develop respect for farmworkers and the important work they do. The final project of this collaboration was the Butterfly Project.

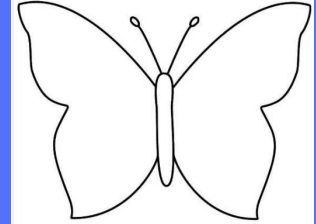
The Monarch Butterfly is widely used by scholars, activists, and groups as a symbol for immigrants and their rights. The butterfly represents the natural flow of migration, which is a common experience of many migrant farmworkers.

We invite the community to share words of hope to those whose hands harvest our crops. Those messages, written on butterfly paper templates, will continue to be distributed to farmworkers in southern NM.

How to get involved

Option 1:

1. Print a butterfly template OR draw your own butterfly outline on a sheet of paper or cardstock.
2. Draw, color, and design one side of your butterfly.
3. On the other side, write a message of hope, solidarity, or a simple thank you to a farmworker.
4. Sign your name and send it via email to camp@nmsu.edu or mail to NMSU CAMP at the address below.



Option 2:

1. Follow this link <https://forms.gle/VkzSXxRjrbUkPXLs8> to write a message of hope, solidarity, or a simple thank you to a farmworker and help design your butterfly postcard.
2. A CAMP Student Leader will print, color, design, and write your personal message on a butterfly postcard.
3. Once completed a CAMP Student Leader will send you an image of your butterfly postcard to your personal email address.

Help us continue this project by sharing your butterfly with us!

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