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Eco gift: Save the Redwoods seedling

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You may or may not have heard that the future of California State Parks is in danger due to the state's budget crisis. Even though most of the parks are still open, there have been major cutbacks on maintenance and administrative staff.

That being the case, Save the Redwoods League and California State Parks are making it possible for shoppers to give a gift that gives back to our parks and the environment for years to come.

For a donation of \$50 to Save the Redwoods League, gift-givers can have a redwood seedling planted in honor of a friend or family member in a California state park. Save the Redwoods League will deliver a commemorative card featuring a photograph of an ancient redwood forest

to the recipient to showcase the gift.

All dedicated seedlings support forest restoration efforts in California State Parks.

“New trees protect our parkland and the wildlife that depend on it,” said Director Ruth Coleman of California State Parks. “As we make painful budget cuts, this offers our supporters an opportunity to make a difference for the future of the state parks.”

While redwood seedlings are the first to be planted through the program, other species such as Western hemlock, Sitka spruce, red alder, Douglas fir and big leaf maple will be planted if no additional redwood seedlings are needed in an area.

To ensure that the seedling gift arrives in time for the holidays, all orders must be received by Dec. 12, 2009 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the League [online](#) or call (415) 820-5800.

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