



Chino Valley Unified School District
Michael G. Wickman Elementary School
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(909) 393-3774



October 2014

Dear Parents,

Students in the Sixth Grade Class of 2014 will have the opportunity to attend a very special trip to Arrowhead Ranch Outdoor Science School. This trip will take place the week of January 13-16, 2015.

Please review the attached forms and information regarding the 2015 trip to Arrowhead Ranch Outdoor Science School:

1. Parent Information and Packing List
2. Arrowhead Ranch Outdoor Science School Discipline System
3. *Health History and Consent Form Due 1/6/15
4. *Payment Form Due 1/6/15
5. Interest Survey & \$25 Deposit Due 10/17/2014

FEES

The total cost of the science school trip is \$250.00 per student. The fee is payable by personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to "Wickman PTO." The total cost of the trip is not due until January 6, 2015, however you may pay the fee prior to that date. If you would find some form of installment plan more convenient, please indicate that on your Interest Survey. If your child is unable to attend science school due to financial hardship, please let Mr. Wilson or your child's teacher know as soon as possible. PTO may be able to help.

WEATHER

Arrowhead Ranch is located at 5,300 ft. elevation. Parents are asked to follow the suggested clothing/equipment list provided. It is a good idea to monitor local mountain weather reports in the days before the trip to ensure you pack appropriate clothing. Students spend a large portion of their time outside, and there is usually snow during this trip.

*Should your child be attending the trip these forms are required to be completed and returned by the listed dates.

COMMUNICATION

In case of emergency students may be reached via the Wickman Elementary Office. In addition to having phone service at the science school, all Wickman teachers will have cell phones on hand. Students are not allowed to take cell phones on the trip. Cell phones found will be confiscated and parents will be required to pick them up from Mr. Wilson's office after the trip.

The students absolutely enjoy receiving letters from home! If you would like to send your child a letter or letters, it is a good idea to send the mail the Friday or Saturday before the students leave for the trip. The address is

Your Child's Name
PO BOX 87
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

PHOTOS/T-SHIRTS

It's a good idea to send at least one disposable camera with your child, labeled with his/her name. Do not send an expensive camera! Arrowhead Ranch Science School sells a panoramic photo that will show the entire Wickman group in the outdoor school's beautiful mountain setting. The photo may be ordered when you pay the trip fee.

T-shirts, crew sweatshirts, and hooded sweatshirts are sold by Arrowhead Ranch Science School. They are only available in adult sizes. Prices are listed on the attached Payment Form. The deadline to order a shirt is

PACKING

Because of the lack of space available to carry items, all students are limited to one duffle bag or suitcase and one bag containing a sleeping bag and pillow. Duffle bags are easier to handle and pack into the buses. Sleeping bags and pillows need to be placed into a large trash bag. Please label your child's belongings. Your child must be able to carry their own luggage.

We are looking forward to another outstanding trip for the Sixth Grade Class of 2015. Should you have further questions, please contact your child's teacher or at (909) 393-3774.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Science School and where is Arrowhead Ranch?

Arrowhead Ranch Outdoor Science School provides a hands-on education, with students exploring and interacting with their natural environment. It is a school away from buildings and desks. Children will learn about botany, geology, ecology and habitats, meteorology and the water cycle, astronomy, and energy and conservation. Naturalists teach lessons, and Arrowhead's trained staff members supervise the students. We will be based at Arrowhead Ranch's Pinecrest site, in Twin Peaks. The elevation is 5,300 feet.

Will my child have regular classes if he/she doesn't go?

Science School is optional. Students who do not attend will have regular classes at Wickman.

How will the children get there?

Chino Valley Unified School District bus drivers will be driving the children to and from the site.

What is the cost?

The cost is \$250.00 per student.

What will the weather be like?

The weather is likely to be cold, and there may be snow.

What if my child gets sick?

There is a medic on staff, but you will be contacted if your child becomes ill in order to determine the appropriate course of action.

Can I send medication?

Medication may be sent in the original container. A parent permission letter must accompany the medication. Please place the medication in a plastic ziplock bag, clearly labeled with your child's name, school, and any special instructions.

Can my child bring a cell phone?

Cell phones and/or any other electronic device are not permitted. However, you can call the camp office at any time to check on your child.

Can my child bunk with a friend?

We will make every attempt to make sure every child bunks with at least one friend of his/her choice.

Will there be other schools there?

There will be another school there, but our group has our own bunkhouse and our own naturalists and supervisors. Students are only brought together for meal times and special events.

Will Wickman teachers be going?

There will be four Wickman teachers attending the science school with the students.

ARROWHEAD RANCH OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION

In order to make your child's visit to Arrowhead Ranch a successful one, we have enclosed some important information. Please be sure to read this very carefully.

Below is a list of items that are necessary for a week at science school. Please help us make sure your student is prepared. If there are listed items that you do not own and do not wish to purchase, we recommend borrowing from a friend.

CLOTHING

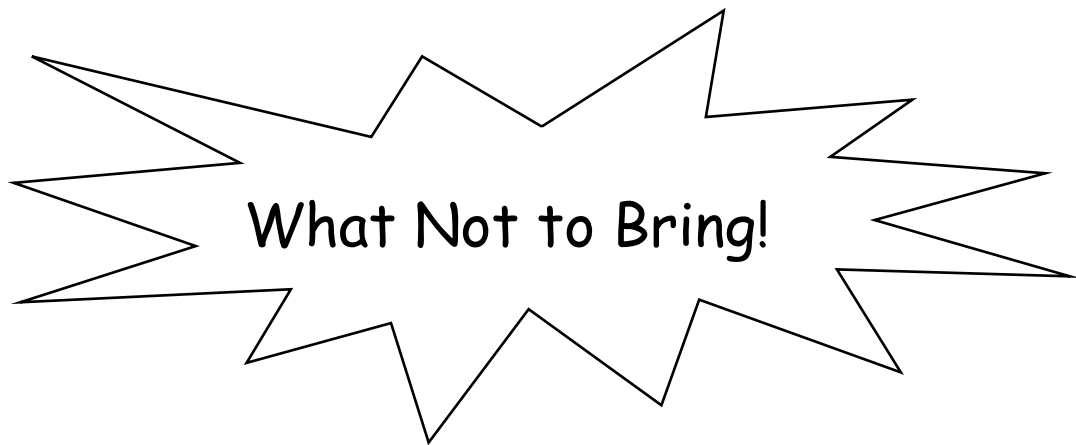
- Heavy winter jacket (Be sure the jacket is warm.)
- 8 pairs of socks
- 5 pairs of underwear
- 1-2 pairs long underwear
- 2 pairs of pajamas ("Sweats" are the recommended sleeping attire.)
- 2 pairs of gloves/mittens (If snowy conditions, waterproof/windproof gloves are most comfortable and highly recommended.)
- 3 pairs of jeans/warm pants (Long pants must be worn outdoors at all times.)
- 1 pair of shorts (cabin time only)
- 3 long sleeved shirts
- 2 short sleeved shirts
- 1 school approved sweater or sweatshirt (More recommended if weather is very cold or snowy)
- 1 school approved hat/cap
- Winter hat
- 2 pairs of athletic shoes or hiking boots (Hiking boots or snow boots are great! Snow boots are extremely safe and comfortable if there is snow. "Vans," as well as many other skater-type shoes have little/no tread and can actually be unsafe, as well as very uncomfortable. Boots that are designed more for fashion than function can also be very unsafe.)

***PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND SCHOOL.
ARROWHEAD RANCH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR CONFISCATED ITEMS!**

****STUDENTS ARE TO CHANGE IN THE BATHROOM AND MUST ALWAYS PRACTICE MODESTY.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING

- 1 towel and washcloth
- Shower necessities
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Hair dryer (optional)
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping bag and pillow (wrapped in plastic garbage bag)
- Letter writing materials and stamps
- Insect repellent (gel or lotion only) - optional



The following items will be confiscated from students and given to the teachers to return to school. There are no exceptions.

ABSOLUTELY NO WAY, NO HOW:

NO cell phones

NO money

NO knives (i.e. Swiss Army knife)

NO electronic devices (includes IPod, radio, TV, Gameboy, digital camera)

NO pager

NO food or snacks

NO drinks (water will be provided)

NO gum or mints

NO candy

NO laser pen light

NO Curling iron or straighteners

NO aerosol sprays

NO hair gel

NO alcohol-based mouthwash

NO medications in the child's possession (Please see "Parent Information" page regarding medications.)

**ARROWHEAD RANCH OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL
PAYMENT FORM
Due January 6, 2015**

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Teacher: Mrs. Bertello Mrs. Graf Mrs. Mellon Mrs. Riley Mrs. Altermatt

Cost of Arrowhead Ranch Outdoor Science School: \$250.00

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

Panoramic Photo (\$12.00) _____

Arrowhead Ranch T-shirt (Adult S-L \$17.00, Adult XL \$19.00)

Circle size: S M L XL _____

Arrowhead Ranch Crew Sweatshirt (Adult S-L \$23.00, Adult XL \$25.00)

Circle size: S M L XL _____

Arrowhead Ranch Hooded Sweatshirt (Adult S-L \$32.00, Adult XL \$34.00)

Circle size: S M L XL _____

Beanies (Adult one-size fits all \$16.00)

Circle Color: Royal Blue Camo Green Camo Pink _____

Total Cost Enclosed: _____

Payment in the form of personal check, cashier's check, and or money order is requested.
Please make checks payable to "Wickman PTO."

*If you are interested in setting up payment arrangements (all due by January 6, 2015),
please contact Mr. Wilson at (909) 393-3774.

ARROWHEAD RANCH OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL
HEALTH HISTORY AND CONSENT FORM

STUDENT NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN (HOME PHONE) _____ WORK PHONE _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT (NAME & RELATIONSHIP) _____
HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____
STUDENT'S SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD:

TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT, BUT NOT TO EXCLUDE HIM/HER FROM THE PROGRAM, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED:

DOES YOUR CHILD WALK IN HIS/HER SLEEP, WET THE BED AT NIGHT, ETC? IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY _____

ARE THERE ANY FACTORS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE HEALTH OF YOUR CHILD; SUCH AS ASTHMA, ALLERGIES, ETC? _____

HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN EXPOSED TO ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (MEASLES, MUMPS, CHICKEN POX, ETC.) WITHIN THE PAST 21 DAYS? _____ IF YES, WHICH ONE(S) _____

HAS YOUR CHILD HAD A TETANUS SHOT? _____ IF SO, WHEN? _____

IS THERE ANYTHING WHICH MAY CAUSE AN ALLERGIC REACTION, LIKE A BEE STING, PENICILLIN, ETC? _____

ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY HEALTH FACTOR(S) THAT WOULD MAKE IT ADVISABLE FOR YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW A LIMITED PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY? _____

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICIAN _____

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS OR FOOD RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE LIST THEM AND ADVISE US OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OR OPTION FOR THEIR STAY AT SCIENCE SCHOOL _____

IN THE EVENT OF A MINOR ILLNESS (SUCH AS COLD OR HEADACHE, DO YOU AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO YOUR CHILD OF COMMON REMEDIES SUCH AS MOTRIN, JUNIOR TYLENOL, PEPTO BISMOL, IBUPROFEN, MIDOL, NEOSPORIN, CHAPSTICK AND THROAT LOZENGES, IN DOSAGES APPROPRIATE TO HIS/HER NEEDS. YES _____ NO _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS _____

BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM *MUST* BE COMPLETED

ARROWHEAD RANCH OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL
INTEREST SURVEY



Please return this survey by October 17, 2014
With a \$25.00 deposit.

_____ Yes, I plan to send my child to Arrowhead Ranch Outdoor Science School, with Wickman Elementary School's 6th Grade Class of 2015 from January 13-16, 2015.

_____ No, I do not plan to send my child to Arrowhead Ranch Outdoor Science School. I understand my child will still attend school and receive regular instruction.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Teacher: Mrs. Bertello Mrs. Graf Mrs. Mellon Mrs. Riley Mrs. Altermatt

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