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DATE: December 21, 2018
TO: All CVUSD 6th Grade Families
SUBJECT: Outdoor School - Alternative Experience

We are all heartbroken by the destruction of Camp Bloomfield during the recent Woolsey Fire. An exhaustive search has been conducted to find an alternative location to hold this year's Outdoor School program. Sadly, there was no immediate, nearby, and cost-effective camp site to replace the Outdoor School experience for the 2018-2019 school year. You can view [this presentation](#) from December 11th to the CVUSD Board of Education to learn more about this search. Any families that paid for Outdoor School at Camp Bloomfield will be provided a full refund by their respective school site.

We still continue to look for camp site alternatives but have begun planning another learning experience. Instead, all CVUSD 6th Grade students could take part in three-day series of Outdoor School excursions at Los Robles Trailhead, Castaic Lake, and Malibu Lagoon or Sepulveda Basin. This series of field trips will take students through activities that meet the 6th Grade Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the California Science Framework. These experiences will be provided through our partnership with *Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains* and the *CSUN Aquatic Center*. In addition, each school site would provide 6th Grade students with a fun overnight opportunity either at the school site or in the local area. We are in the planning phases for this overnight experience and request that 6th Grade students and families complete [this brief survey](#) together.

We recognize that this is a very fluid process that is both challenging and disappointing for many of our students and families. We thank all of our CVUSD students and families for their understanding and flexibility as we respond to the aftermath of the Woolsey Fire.

Each school will provide more details to families regarding dates of trips, cost, and the overnight experience. This information will also be posted on the Outdoor School webpage at www.conejousd.org/Schools/Outdoor-School. Thank you, and happy holidays.

Sincerely,

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