

Outdoor School Update

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Exploring Camp Ramah in Ojai

- Visited in December
- Contacted CVUSD parent and camp manager, who connected us with the Director of Operations
- Camp Ramah does have the space and availability
- Willing to work on cost
- May be a slight increase in cost due to 24/7 security

Camp Ramah

- Located 45 miles away
- Large space
- Safety
- Activities include: Sports fields/courts, ropes and adventure courses, indoor programming spaces, extensive hiking trails
- Concurrent camps: Students would be sharing the camp facilities with other groups.

Camp Ramah: What's Still Missing?

- What is not currently in place?
 - Naturalist staffing
 - Nurse
 - Cabin supervision
 - Busing

3-Day Excursion Trips

- All meals will be provided
- New, closer location at Sapwi Trails Community Park
- Other locations: Malibu Lagoon, Castaic Lake
- District communication
- Fieldtrip forms out

3-Day Excursion Trips: Overnight Experience

- Tentative schedule for Friday overnight experience
 - Pizza dinner and dessert (6 PM)
 - Camp games/activities by Fulcrum (7 PM)
 - Movie (9:30 PM)
 - Night early pick-up (11 PM)
 - Morning pick-up (8 AM)

3-Day Excursion Trips: Overnight Experience

6th Grade family/student survey results (223 respondents)

- My child would be interested in the following...
 - 78% - Camp games and activities
 - 67% - Movie night
 - 65% - Pizza dinner and dessert
- My child would prefer to...
 - 43% - Pick up after camp activities conclude
 - 30% - Sleepover in the school gym
 - 27% - Sleepover in TO Teen Center

3-Day Excursion Trips & Overnight Experience

| Revised Cost Estimate | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Excursion facilities & staff | \$35,000 |
| Transportation | \$37,652 |
| Food for trips | \$15,288 |
| Overnight dinner | \$6,250 |
| Overnight staffing | \$7,000 |
| Overnight activities | \$18,500 |
| TOTAL | \$119,690 |
| Cost per student | ≈ \$88.00 |

Next Steps

- Need to finalize contracts/agreements with the following:
 - Conejo Recreation & Parks District
 - Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica Mountains
 - CSUN Aquatic Center
 - Fulcrum
 - Possibly, Camp Ramah and staffing

Questions?