



Conejo Valley Unified School District

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's class will soon have the opportunity to attend outdoor school in the mountains at Camp Ramah. Camp Ramah is located on Fairview Rd. in Ojai, CA. The camp provides comfortable and modern facilities including heated cabins with indoor flush toilets and showers, a fully equipped kitchen, and large central hall. This project has been carefully planned by teachers and administrators, and has received the approval of the Conejo Valley Unified School District's Board of Education.

This trip will be one of the highlights of your child's educational experiences. Students will participate in activities such as hiking, nature lore and conservation. The classes provide your child with hands on science instruction in the out-of-doors.

LOCATION: 385 Fairview Rd. Ojai, CA 93023

COST: A check for your student's participation in this event of \$250.00, made payable to your student's school, is due one month prior to departure.

SUPERVISION: Students will be under the supervision of your school's teachers and the staff of Outdoor School.

STAFF: The staff at each session will consist of Mr. Stephen Sipes, Coordinator of the Outdoor Education Program, classroom teachers, Outdoor School instructors, and cabin counselors. The instructors include experienced teachers and college graduates with experience in environmental education. The counselors, most of whom are high school seniors, have been carefully selected, based on their qualifications and backgrounds. The children will be supervised 24 hours a day by Outdoor School staff members who are experienced in working with children and are knowledgeable in first aid.

CONTACT: Outdoor School Phone Numbers:

(805)498-1573 ext.151 (Office) – (Messages returned within 24 hrs. when OS is not in session)

(805)498-0385 (Fax)

(805)341-7528 (Mobile) (Use this number when CVUSD Outdoor School is in session!)

Emergencies Only - Camp Ramah - (805) 646-4301. **This is for emergencies only, please use the office number to leave a general message for the Outdoor School Staff or your student.**

Outdoor School E-Mail:

You may e-mail Mr. Stephen Sipes, Coordinator, Outdoor Education at ssipes@conejousd.org

Outdoor School Website:

Please visit our website, www.conejousd.org/Schools/OutdoorSchool.aspx to learn about the program and obtain the schedule for your student's school.

Please note: All rules and regulations noted in your school's Student Handbook apply when at Outdoor School. Your student must still follow the school/district guidelines regarding: Dress Code, Code of Conduct, Harassment, Unauthorized items on campus; Weapons/Dangerous Object/Dangerous Actions; Etc. while at Camp Ramah.

The following items are also prohibited: **New or expensive clothing, radios, music players, walkie-talkies, electronic games, food items, gum, candy, money, or matches.** Please reinforce this with your child.

Pocket knives often used on camping trips are prohibited. Please check your student's luggage and pockets to make sure they do not have a prohibited item. Students found with prohibited items will not be allowed to attend Outdoor School and will be subject to the same disciplinary action/consequences as when they are at school.

Students should bring the following items to Outdoor School: (Student's clothing, equipment and luggage should be clearly labeled to prevent loss or confusion. CVUSD is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.)

- Sack lunch for the first day
- Backpack
- Water bottle/Canteen
- Sleeping Bag (or Warm Blankets and Sheets if you do not have a sleeping bag)
- Fitted Sheet (Twin)
- Pillow
- Warm Jacket
- Raincoat
- Warm Shirts
- Heavy pants or jeans
- Underwear
- Socks (bring extra)
- Shoes (two pairs)
- Warm Pajamas
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Bath Towel
- Postcard to write home (include address and stamp)
- Hat

The following items are optional but strongly encouraged:

- Chapstick
- Sunscreen
- Inexpensive Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Gloves
- Reading Book
- Camera and Film