Conejo Valley Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's 6th class 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 central kitchen, and large central hall. In addition, CVUSD and Camp Ramah will be implementing established Health and Safety Guidelines in order to ensure the health and safety of students as they participate in the Outdoor School program. 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. For four days and three nights, students will participate in activities such as hiking, nature information and conservation. The classes provide your child with hands-on science instruction in the out-of-doors aligned with Earth Science standards.

LOCATION: Camp Ramah, 385 Fairview Rd. Ojai, CA 93023

FEE: A fee for your student's participation in this event is \$275.00 for 6th graders. Checks can be made payable to your student's school. Fees are due one month prior to departure. No student shall be denied the opportunity to participate due to a lack of funds.

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. Tom Hoegeman, Coordinator of the Outdoor School Program, classroom teachers, Outdoor School instructors, and cabin counselors. The instructors include experienced teachers and guides with experience in environmental education. The cabin 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:

Office - (805) 497-9511 ext. 4248 Emergencies (805) 660-6219 – Phone number during Camp (from Feb - April, 2025)

Outdoor School E-Mail:

You may e-mail Mr. Tom Hoegeman, Coordinator, Outdoor School: thoegeman@conejousd.org

Outdoor School Website:

Please visit our website: https://www.conejousd.org/Schools/Outdoor-School to learn more about the program.

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. Students violating district rules may be required to leave camp.

The following items are prohibited: Cell phones, new or expensive clothing, radios, music players, walkie-talkies, electronic games, food items, gum, candy, money, or matches. Please reinforce this with your student.

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	□ Soap
Backpack	□ Shampoo
Water bottle/Canteen (Required)	☐ Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Sleeping Bag (or Warm Blankets and Sheets if	□ Bath Towel
you do not have a sleeping bag)	□ Hat
Fitted Sheet (Twin)	The following items are optional but
Pillow	recommended:
Warm Jacket	□ Chapstick
Raincoat	□ Sunscreen
Warm Shirts	□ Inexpensive Sunglasses
Heavy pants or jeans	□ Flashlight
Underwear	□ Gloves
Socks (bring extra)	□ Reading Book
Shoes (two pairs)	 Postcard to write home (include address an
Warm Pajamas	stamp)

Outdoor School Schedule 2025

Sycamore Canyon	February 10 - 13, Monday - Thursday
Colina 6A	February 18 - 21, Tuesday - Friday
Colina 6B	February 25 - 28, Tuesday - Friday
Los Cerritos 6A	March 4 - 7, Tuesday - Friday
Los Cerritos 6B	March 11 - 14, Tuesday - Friday
Sequoia 6A	March 18 - 21, Tuesday - Friday
Sequoia 6B	March 25 - 28, Tuesday - Friday
Redwood	March 31 - April 3, Monday - Thursday