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

Comments or Questions?

