



Camp Notes 2024

Camp dates: Saturday, April 20 to Friday, April 26, 2024

On Saturday, April 20, your child will be able to participate in the forty-seventh annual outdoor education camp conducted by the Old Adobe Union School District. The six-day camp is held at Camp Royaneh in Cazadero, CA.

Considerable planning, fundraising and discussion go into our preparations for camp, and this year is no exception. Your child is one of about 300 students who will be participating from La Tercera, Loma Vista, Miwok Valley, Old Adobe, Penngrove, and Sonoma Mountain. The outdoor education program wouldn't be possible without the support of the families of our schools. We thank you and hope to make camp a very positive experience for your child.

This newsletter is intended to give you important information concerning dates, times, activities and policies. Please keep it for future reference.

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Camp information can be found on the Old Adobe Union School District website at www.oldadobe.org

VERY IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

ASAP	Student Paperwork submitted to Teacher
February 28th @7:00 pm	Camp Parent Information Night at Sonoma Mountain Elementary Charter
March 22nd	Medication & Authorization Forms Due to school office
April 18th 3:30-6:00 pm	Student baggage drop off at La Tercera Elementary
April 20th	Load buses for Camp Royaneh at La Tercera Elementary Loading 2:30 pm, buses depart 3:00 pm
April 26th 12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Buses return campers from Camp Royaneh to the Lucchesi Center

Baggage

Please be sure that all baggage is clearly marked and properly labeled. Experience has taught us that **plastic garbage bags DO NOT WORK** as suitcases. Cloth bags, duffel bags, packs or suitcases are best. Be sure that your child's bags arrive at La Tercera the THURSDAY BEFORE CAMP, THURSDAY, APRIL 18 BETWEEN 3:30 AND 6:00 P.M. Students may bring a small backpack or daypack with them on the departure day. **BAGGAGE WILL NOT GO ON THE STUDENT BUS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH.**

Supervision

In addition to the sixth grade teachers of the Old Adobe Union District, high school and college counselors and adult volunteers will also be present at camp.

During the day, study groups of approximately 30 campers are paired with at least one teacher and 6 to 8 counselors. During the evening and night hours a team of teachers will patrol the student sleeping areas.

Discipline

Sixth Grade Camp is an Old Adobe Union School District campus and all district behavior expectations and guidelines are enforced. Consequences for not adhering to the behavior guidelines may include loss of daily activity events and community service. Behavior that would result in a school suspension such as fighting, sexual harassment, or defiance of school authority will result in a student being sent home from camp. Parents are responsible for transportation.

Health and Safety

- Our goal is to ensure a safe outdoor education experience for all students, essential volunteers, and staff. We will adhere to the most recent guidance outlined from the Sonoma County Department of Health Services and Sonoma County Office of Education. Camp will follow site/district protocol outlined in the OAUSD and Petaluma City Schools board policies, OAUSD Covid Handbook, and any protocol from Camp Royaneh and the Boy Scouts of America. Participants and families will be notified of any guidance changes prior to the departure for Camp.
- Your child's camp health form will be reviewed by the Old Adobe Union School District nurse. It is imperative that allergies or any other medical conditions are clearly marked on this form.
- The camp will have a nurse or nurse assistant on site 24 hours a day. If the nurse has questions about medications or your child's condition, the nurse will contact you by phone. Make certain you have provided, on your health form, phone numbers where you may be reached during the week we are at camp.
- Students, essential volunteers, and staff will be sent home at any time of the day should they become sick and develop Covid-19 and/or flu symptoms such as a fever, headache, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, runny nose, etc. Again, please make sure you have listed phone numbers on your child's health form where you may be reached during the Camp week.
- The nurse will explain the protocol for a possible return to Camp. Participants may return to Camp if symptoms have improved, they have been fever free without medication for 24 hours or more, and they are free from diarrhea and vomiting without the use of medications for 24 hours.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding medications or any other health issues please contact district nurse Laura Childress at 707-975-2418 or email lchildress@oldadobe.org.

Medication Information

This may require a trip to the doctor's office to have the school's Authorization to Administer Medications form completed for any medication your child may need at camp, **including any over the counter medication**. We want each child to be comfortable and well during their week at camp and we know that allergy season will be in full swing during their stay, so please prepare in advance.

All medications your child will need during camp, **including over the counter medications**, must be in their **original containers** and those that are prescription medications must **also** have the prescription label applied. Do not put medications in a pill box. The drug and dosage information on the medication container must match the authorization form.

Please **check expiration dates** on all medications as we cannot accept those that are expired.

All medications must have your child's first and last name on the container, inhaler, or spacer etc. Please put medications in a paper bag marked with your child's first and last name, Teacher's name and the School's name.

Due on March 22nd: Medications and an Authorization to Administer Medications form for **EACH** medication, **including over the counter medications**, signed by the physician **AND** the parent/guardian delivered to the child's school office. Please **do not** give medication to your child to deliver. If you need the medication at home, it will be your responsibility to deliver it to the **La Tercera Elementary School between 3:30-6:00 pm on Thursday, April 18th** but keep in mind **all authorization forms must still be delivered by March 22nd**, with or without medications. If you are planning on using medication that is currently at your child's school, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with the school nurse.

A child **cannot be in possession** of any medication unless the medication is an EpiPen or an inhaler **AND** written authorization has been provided by the physician and parent/guardian for the child to carry and self administer medication. This order must be signed by the physician and parent/guardian in addition to the Authorization to Administer Medications form mentioned above.

The camp nurse will keep all medications in the nurse's office at camp. If your child needs to take medication on a regular basis, that medication must be taken in the nurse's office. Instruct your child to go to the nurse's office to receive any medication. The camp nurse is not responsible for finding each child to give medication.

Health and Safety Protocols

Enhanced health and safety practices and protocols are implemented at Camp:

- Increased cleaning and disinfecting of common spaces (Mess Hall, Nurse's Station, etc.), restrooms, and frequently touched surfaces
- Hand washing will be frequent and required (before eating)
- Hand sanitizer will be used in addition to hand washing (not to replace); students and counselors may bring their own hand sanitizers
- Outdoor activities and eating, as much as possible

Essential volunteers and staff will be trained in all cleaning protocols.

Counselors

Counselors selected for this year's camp will arrive Friday prior to the arrival of the campers. Our veteran counselors are primarily from Casa Grande, Saint Vincents, and Petaluma High School; however, many of the returning counselors are college students or graduates who have made arrangements from busy schedules to help with camp. All "veteran" counselors have worked effectively with sixth grade students in the past and have been invited to return in 2024. All new counselors have gone through an interview and training process prior to their selection as camp counselors.

Counselors receive training in listening skills and basic communication skills. Additionally they review general safety tips and safety precautions. Counselors and staff will share this information with campers.

The Camp Directors have selected lead counselors and staff members who will prepare the counselors for their scheduled assignments during the week of camp. They will be outlining expectations regarding conduct and behavior for all counselors and campers alike.

Leave it at Home

By now you should have received a list of items to bring to camp, but let us remind you to keep the following at home: phones, electronic games, music players or any electronic noise makers. We also remind you to **keep candy and gum at home**. Both attract four-legged raiders!

Communications

We encourage family members to place notes to your child in the camp luggage. We will not be accepting mail via the postal service, FedEx, UPS, etc.!

Routine phone calls for general information or questions may be directed to the Old Adobe Union District Office at 765-4321. In an **EMERGENCY** you may call the camp at (707) 632-5291. This is the number of the camp ranger's home, so **PLEASE use it in an emergency situation only.**

Visitors

Parents and other guests must make arrangements with the Camp Directors to visit during the camp week. If approved, please be sure to follow these guidelines:

1. Visitors must check-in at the Camp Office/Nurse's Station upon arrival.
2. Visitors are not allowed in students' sleeping areas.
3. Overnight guests will need to make arrangements for lodging in local establishments. There are no overnight accommodations available at Camp Royaneh.
4. Visitors on day excursions will be assigned groups based on space availability or other criteria by the Camp Directors.

Thanks for your cooperation. These guidelines are for the safety and security of the campers.