

Dear Outdoor Educator Coordinators,

We are looking forward to another spectacular year at Foothill Horizons. Students will leave Foothill as empowered science learners, with increased confidence and problem-solving skills, and more relaxed through their time in nature. The work your office, nursing, administrative and teaching staff do for outdoor education planning will ensure a smooth week for your students. Below are some notes about what is new for 2024-25 school year.

New for 2024-2025

We will no longer prorate invoices for students who attend only part of the time their time at Foothill.

Finalize your school roster the day before attending. We will invoice schools for the number of students on the School Roster on the business day prior to attending.

Register your school's Outdoor Education Coordinator, teachers and more! We want everyone's contact information to start the year off.

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Reminders from
prior years

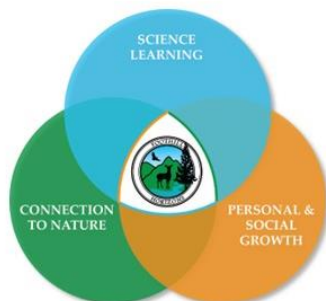
Showers are optional. Students can wear bathing suits too!

Med forms due 3 weeks in advance with other forms.

Pre-trip Zooms! Teachers and school staff will meet with Foothill staff via zoom three weeks prior

August and January will have training zooms for Administrators and for teachers

BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR EDUCATION



- Empowered and capable learners who can better use critical thinking skills
- Increased engagement and enthusiasm for learning and discovery
- Develop trust of oneself and others
- Greater pride and stronger ability to overcome challenges
- Greater appreciation of nature and its wonder
- Improved cognitive & cardiovascular functioning through physical activity in nature

For more information go to
www.foothillhorizons.com;

Call 209-532-6673 or email
jhewitt@stancoe.org

Open house dates: Sept. 7; Mar 29

Evening family informational zooms 2nd Monday of each month


Training zooms for Administrators and for teachers in August and January

Additional Fees

Late or grossly negligent paperwork: 2% of total student fee per school

This fee will be incurred if:

- 1) Health Forms (participation forms) and School Rosters are more than 5 business days late
- 2) if less than 95% of forms are submitted, and/or if forms are grossly incomplete or disorganized.

Avoid this fee by 

- 1) Tracking deadlines using paper and digital calendars and reminders
- 2) Submitting 95% of your forms by the deadline
- 3) Organize your forms by teacher or A-Z and gender. (Print forms double sided)

Reschedule fee: \$3,080.00


If a district must change its date after the completion of the contract, we will charge an administrative fee of \$3,080.

Over-contracted attendance numbers: additional \$15 extra per student

Schools sending more than 110% of contracted number will be charged an additional \$15 per extra student over 110%.

Insufficient volunteer counselors: cost of Foothill staff to fill role

In the event that volunteer counselors are not available or are insufficient in number during the dates of participation, the DISTRICT agrees to pay the fees required for SCOE to provide available staff to fill the role of volunteer counselors. Additionally, **teachers and or additional school staff may be required to assist in the dormitories.**

 Avoid this fee by recruiting volunteer counselors—ask families of your students, reach out to colleagues in high school, talk to your neighbors' kids, recall your past students. See flyers enclosed to assist with your recruiting efforts. College students or recent high school grads can apply as well! (Volunteers over 18 and who are out of high school need to be fingerprinted – contact Diann to get that started.) Volunteer hours look great on a resume!

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Nighttime administrator

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