

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How will my child get to and from Outdoor Ed camp?

Bus transportation will be provided to and from camp. **Students should arrive at school at 8:00 am on Monday morning and be picked up from school at 12:00 pm on Friday afternoon.**

### What if my child has a special circumstance?

Please indicate any special circumstances (dietary needs, health condition, medication), on your child's registration form. We want every child to attend Outdoor Ed and will make arrangements to address specific concerns. This information is kept confidential and only given to the individuals who need to know. Please read the Medication Guidelines.

### Can I visit my child during Outdoor Ed camp?

Outdoor Ed is an important opportunity to build confidence and experience independence. Parents will not be allowed to visit or call their students while at camp.

### How do I know my child will be safe?

LVUSD and WOLF Adventures are committed to creating a safe environment at all times. WOLF staff members are experienced camp leaders and our own LVUSD high school students will serve as counselors throughout the week. Day and Overnight Camp Directors, your regular classroom teachers, and your Principal (when available) will provide supervision during the program.

### What are the sleeping arrangements at camp?

Students will sleep in cabins that are furnished with bunk beds. Top bunks have ladder footholds and sturdy side-rails. Each cabin holds between 10-12 students and a camp counselor. Cabins have small designated spaces that allow for privacy while changing clothes.

### What are the bathroom facilities like?

Camp restrooms include multiple sinks, toilet stalls with doors, and private shower stalls with hot water.

### What if my child gets hurt?

Immediate first aid will be given, the injury will be assessed, and, if necessary, you will be contacted. We will be sure to call "sooner rather than later" with any concerns.

If my child needs special medication, who is responsible for seeing that he/she takes the meds? A detailed schedule is kept for giving all medications. The Health Clerk will give all medications. Please make sure you have completed the medication list and turned in all of the necessary medicines to your school health clerk. If there are any questions you will be called.

### Can my child wear contact lenses?

Glasses are recommended. Contact lenses may be a problem in the dust.

### Are there “rules” at camp?

Students are expected to follow directions at all times, to use good judgment, and to act in a responsible manner. All activities are supervised, and every student is responsible for his/her own behavior. If your child cannot follow the rules, he/she will be required to leave. You will have to pick your child up from Camp Gilmore. All Las Virgenes Unified School District policies and procedures are in effect.

### Are cell phones, smart watches, or other electronic devices allowed?

In an effort to minimize distractions, protect privacy, and make the most of this special time in the great outdoors, these items are not allowed. One of the joys of being in the natural environment is to experience the sounds of nature—both the natural noises and the quiet. Cell phones, smart watches, and any other electronic devices or toys that are brought to camp will be confiscated and returned upon arrival back at school.

### Can my child bring food?

All food will be provided by the camp. For safety reasons, students should not have food in the cabins. Any food brought by students will be confiscated and returned upon arrival back at school.

My child is a very picky eater? What happens if he/she won't eat the food? Our experience is that the children often try new foods and eat things at Outdoor Ed that they do not eat at home. They are very physically active and are generally very hungry. The menu is child friendly and healthy. If your child has a food allergy please complete the “Dietary Needs” on the online registration. Depending on the request, you may be provided with instructions to send special food in a cooler. Then at meal times your child will be given the food you provide. Please make sure your child knows that special food has been sent and to ask for it. Please note any special food requests on the Student Enrollment form.

My child has never slept away from home, what if he/she gets homesick. Can he/she call me? Students are asked not to call home. It is normal for children to have these feelings. We work with the counselors, naturalists, teachers and directors to create a comforting environment for your child. The staff is trained with strategies to support students who may be feeling a little homesickness. Usually, redirecting and talking are all that are needed. The first night is often the most difficult and then after that many do not want to leave to come home. But, if the director feels it is necessary to contact you about homesickness, then you will be called.

### How will cabin/group assignments be made?

As your camp session dates get closer, school sites will provide additional information and/or instructions to students and families about how cabin/group assignments will be determined.