Conejo Valley Unified School District
Outdoor School FAQ

1. **What Is 'Outdoor School'?**
   6th grade students visit Camp Ramah, in Ojai, learning about different topics from their science curriculum. 6th grade students spend 4 days and 3 nights. Students learn the science of the area by taking hikes led by experienced trail guides and participating in outdoor activities during their session.

2. **Is there a cost?**
   There is a fee of $275 per student for 6th graders. No student shall be denied the opportunity to participate due to lack of funds. Please contact your site administration if you have any questions or concerns about the fee.

3. **What do students learn at Outdoor School?**
   Students are instructed in the Earth Science standards which include: astronomy, ecology, geology, botany, and zoology. This science instruction is uniquely tailored to the geographical region of the camp. Students also engage in important relationship and team building activities.

4. **Who supervises students at Outdoor School?**
   The staff of Outdoor School consists of the Outdoor School Coordinator, 1 assistant coordinator, 2 head cabin leaders, 10 Naturalist Educators, the classroom teachers from your school, and High School volunteers. The Core staff assist cabin counselors during cabin times, meals, and evening programs.

5. **When does the day start and when do students go to bed?**
   Wake up is at 7:00 am, students then have 1 hour to get ready for Breakfast at 8:00. The 'Evening Program' lasts until 9:00 pm and lights-out is at 9:30 pm.

6. **What are the cabins like?**
   Each cabin holds about 14 students. There are bunk-beds and the cabins have heat, electricity, and bathrooms in the cabin. The bathrooms have flush toilets, sinks, and individual showers. The cabins are installed with smoke and fire alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and MERV 13 air filters.



7. **What is the food like?**
   The food is prepared by the Camp Ramah kitchen staff. There is breakfast, lunch, a snack, and dinner each full day. There are vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options and we have 'nut free' meals. Here is a sample menu.

8. **Can I bring a cell phone?**
   Please keep cell phones and other electronic devices at home. We try to have an 'electronic-free experience'. If the Outdoor School staff needs to communicate with parents, there is a land-line phone in the office.

9. **What if my student takes medication?**
   There is a form to be filled out for all medications, including over-the-counter items. All medications are stored and given out at the 'Health Center' which is staffed by licensed nurses, who are available 24 hours a day.

10. **How does my student get to Outdoor School?**
    Students will be taking school buses to Camp Ramah on the first day and return by bus back to their school on the last day.

11. **What if I need to contact my student?**
    You can call the Outdoor School office or, in the case of an emergency, you can call the Outdoor School Coordinator directly.
    - Outdoor School Office : (805) 497-9511 ext 4248 (leave a message, and your call will be returned)
    - Outdoor School Coordinator (Emergency) : (310) 220-9700

12. **What if my student becomes sick or has symptoms while at Outdoor School?**
    If a student exhibits any symptoms, they will visit the Health Center where they will be evaluated and temporarily isolated if necessary. Parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up the sick student from Camp Ramah.

13. **Is there an option for my child to attend camp only during the day?** Students have the option of attending Outdoor School for the daytime activities and not spend the night at camp. It will be the responsibility of the parents/guardians to pick up and drop off their student each day. Please notify your classroom teacher for this option.

14. **My child has an IEP or a Section 504 Plan, how will their unique needs be considered and met?** Prior to your child attending Outdoor School, your child's case manager and the school site administrator will collaborate with Outdoor School staff to make sure the necessary accommodations will be made available and implemented. If you have specific concerns and/or requests, please do not hesitate to contact your child's site administrator and/or your child's case manager for more information. We look forward to working with you so that your child successfully accesses this opportunity.