

Dear Fairlands 5th Grade Families,

We are currently scheduled to attend Outdoor Ed school at Exploring New Horizon Outdoor School at their Sempervirens site in Scotts Valley from March 29th - April 1st, 2027. Outdoor Ed has long been a rite of passage in 5th grade, and as teachers, we want to do all we can to make this amazing trip happen for our students!



You're invited to a **5th Grade Outdoor Education Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, August 18th, from 5:00–6:00 PM in the MPR.** 5th-grade teachers will share important details about the upcoming Outdoor Ed trip, including activities, key dates, paperwork, and more. There will also be time for questions at the end. Visit the ENH website (<https://www.exploringnewhorizons.org>) for more information. We encourage all parents/guardians to attend and learn more about this exciting experience!

BRIEF OVERVIEW:

- Students will be transported on buses to and from the Outdoor School
- Students will be assigned to cabin groups of 8-12 students and a high school cabin leader. The cabin groups will remain together for the entire week.
- Each trail group that hikes together will consist of a boy and a girl cabin and its cabin leaders. All hikes will take place outdoors.
- Breakfast and dinner will be served indoors for all students. Lunch will be provided during hiking activities.
- Cabin groups will have “cabin time” for short periods throughout the day and will sleep in their cabins.
- There are two bathrooms with showers in each cabin.
- On the “Beach Day,” students will travel on a bus to the ocean and will be seated 3 students per seat; they will NOT be swimming
- There will be another school attending Outdoor School at the same time as Fairlands. Their students will not be included in our cabin or trail groups, but they will be at all meals and evening activities.

For us to attend camp, we need at least 100 students to commit to attending. Once we have confirmation on student intent, a tentative payment of **\$545 (plus an additional \$21.56 processing fee) will be required to be paid by October 30th,** which includes transportation, lodging, all meals, and cabin leader costs.

Please fill out and return the attached form by FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th, so we can make an informed decision about how to move forward.

Thank you,

The Fairlands 5th Grade Team

Fairlands Elementary School
Outdoor Education Program
Fifth Grade Overnight Field Trip



Dear Parents,

We will be taking an overnight field trip to Camp Sempervirens in Scotts Valley, CA, from Monday, March 29th, to Thursday, April 1st, 2027. Students will be exploring their natural environment through outdoor lab activities and observations.

The cost of the trip is broken down to suggested donations of **\$545 per student (plus an additional \$21.56 processing fee)**. We need at least 100 students to attend camp. If we do not receive enough to cover the cost for participating students, we will need to cancel the trip. We will be using a Future Fund link to raise funds for our trip. *A limited number of need-based scholarships may be available. Please contact Principal Heidi Deeringhoff at hdeeringhoff@pleasantonusd.net to request support by Friday, August 28th.*

If you decide that your child WILL attend Outdoor Ed, please read the included packet and understand that:

1. An indication of **“YES” below is a commitment to paying and sending** your child to camp.
2. A **full payment of \$545 per student** (plus an additional \$21.56 processing fee) on Future Fund will be due October 30th.
3. If we have fewer than 100 students respond with a commitment to a “YES,” or we do not raise enough funds, **we will not attend camp.**
4. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE** once the camp deposit is paid.

We're looking forward to a wonderful trip!
-The 5th Grade Team

Student Attendance

_____ **YES**, my child **WILL** be attending this outdoor education trip on March 29th - April 1st and I understand that there is a tentative non-refundable payment of **\$545 per student (plus an additional \$21.56 processing fee)**

_____ **NO**, my child **WILL NOT** be attending this outdoor education trip with the fifth-grade classes and I understand that (s)he will still be expected to attend school and complete alternate assignments.

Parent Name: _____

Mom or Dad or Other _____ (Circle One)

Student's Name: _____

Student's Teacher: _____