

MESA VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Poway Unified School District

January 2023

Dear Parents:

6th Grade Outdoor Education Camp, SDCOE's Camp Cuyamaca, is coming up. The 6th grade team and students are very excited about this opportunity! Here are some important details both you and your child need to know:

PAYMENT Information:

The cost for the 5-day session of Camp Cuyamaca is \$430.00. Checks must include your student's ID number in the memo line and be made payable to "MVMS". Cash or Check are the only forms of payment available. The cost includes transportation, food, lodging, insurance and activities. We will begin collection of packets and payments on March 7th. Students will turn in packet and payments, as a class, directly to the finance office.

*If you feel like the cost of camp will present a financial hardship for your family, a limited number of partial camperships (financial assistance) may be available in **extreme cases**. Please contact school secretary, Michelle Rinehart at krrinehart@powayusd.com or assistant principal, Dennis Panganiban at dpanganiban@powayusd.com.

ALL payments due by no later than March 15th.

COVID19:

Cuyamaca Outdoor School does require that Mesa Verde confirm that all students attending camp have tested negative for COVID-19 within 36 hours of departure. Please complete the google form that will be sent out to families the Friday before. Negative test result for COVID-19 must be uploaded by 6am on Monday 5/1. Any students who have not submitted results of their test by this date/time will be required to test at school prior to boarding.

DEPARTURE DATES & DETAILS (May 1st – May 5th)

1. Students and camp gear should be dropped off at the west side parking lot (by 6th Grade Village). You may arrive anytime from 7:00-8:00AM on Monday, May 1st. Earlier is recommended to minimize traffic congestion. ****Important: Camp gear will not be permitted onto school busses. As a result, if your student regularly rides the school bus to school you must make other arrangements on May 1st for drop off.**
2. After dropping off camp gear, students should report to their Humanities classroom for attendance as usual. Students will remain in their classrooms until the busses arrive around 9:00 AM. Thank you for your efforts in making delivery and pick-up as smooth and safe as possible.
3. Keep in mind that although some assistance will be provided, students will be responsible for their own luggage and will be carrying their gear from the truck to their cabins. A reasonable weight is recommended to make this easier for your student.
4. **Do not send any type of medication with your student. All medication (prescription or over-the-counter type) will be taken and kept by the camp counselors.**

ALL MEDICATIONS and SIGNED PHYSICIAN AUTHORIZATION forms should already be in the school's possession.

If you are still in possession of these items contact the Mesa Verde Office ASAP at 858.538.5478

ARRIVAL DATES & DETAILS (May 1st – May 5th)

1. Students and their gear must be picked up by a parent/approved adult by 12:00 noon on Friday, May 5th. Please make arrangements to ensure this happens. To reiterate, the students will not be able to ride the bus home as they cannot take their gear on the school busses.
2. **ALL MEDICATIONS** from camp must be picked up at the table that will be set up near the 6th Grade Village. **Lost and Found** items may also be reported at this table. **For safety reasons, all unclaimed medications will be discarded after May 13, 2022.**

VOLUNTEERS:

We need a few hands for luggage loading and unloading. If you are able and willing to assist, see details below.

Parent Volunteers

Thank you to parents who have already volunteered to help with luggage loading and/or unloading. We still need volunteers on:

- * Monday, May 1st between 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM to load student luggage.
- * Friday, May 5th between 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM to unload student luggage.

Contact your child's teacher or Michelle Rinehart at krrinehart@powayusd.com if you are willing to volunteer your assistance on either of these days. Parent Volunteers should meet at the west side parking lot (by 6th Grade Village).

ADDITIONAL Information:

Visit MVMS Webpage for more FAQs and other details. <https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Schools/MS/MVMS/Student-Life/6th-Grade-Camp>

SDCOE Videos – <https://www.sdcoe.net/schools/cuyamaca-outdoor>

Participation - Although, we certainly would like to have all students participate, participation is not mandatory. Students who do not go to camp will be placed together in a 6th grade classroom at Mesa Verde for the week.

Letters - Your student will be attending Camp Cuyamaca located in the Laguna Mountains. Should you wish to write (must be mailed to student by April 26, 2023) the address is:

Camp Cuyamaca
Student's Name - Mesa Verde Middle School
12561 Highway 79
Descanso, CA 91916

See Enclosed Documents for more information.

Sincerely,

Dennis Panganiban
Assistant Principal