

Ojai Valley School

2016-2017 Outdoor Education

Weekend Adventure Roster

1. Potrero John Rock Climbing (1 Day) 9-25-2016

This is a day trip to the nearby Potrero John rock climbing area. We start with a trip to the local coffee house for hot cocoa before heading out. The location is outstanding for both beginners and advanced climbers, a stream gurgles nearby, and the drive is only 30 minutes! Learn about riparian ecosystems and sandstone geology. 8 people max. Melissa L, Lancy S, Ann Y, Richard Z, Jack L, Tristen M, Reynof R, Max M. Alternate: Eric W. *

2. High Sierra Mountaineering (4 Days) 10-20 to 10-23-2016

Does a challenging, four-day, off-trail climb of a 14,000 ft. mountain sound good? How about a snowy ascent on a forgotten trail through forests, meadows, and "boot skiing" an off-trail descent. Would you like to dig in the snow and sign your name in the summit register? Adventurous backpackers and rock climbers will enjoy the thin air and infinite views! Learn about high altitude physiology and wilderness management. 8 people max. Timmy C, Grace M, Sam F, Aydan J, Sophie A, Andrew T, Adam PM, Kiana C. Alternates: Michael A, Henry F, Eric W. *

3. Extreme Backcountry Mountain Biking (1 Day) 11-13-2016

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime mountain bike ride through the beautiful Los Padres backcountry. Descend through a pristine forest and cross trickling streams on a 10-mile single-track trail. Have a picnic lunch and relax at a forgotten campsite and spring. Continue down the "roller coaster," a section of old motorcycle trail that sweeps and banks down a gully. Finish your day on a relaxing dirt road to the pick-up point. This is an unbelievable opportunity for strong riders with solid skills! Learn about pioneer trade routes and chaparral ecosystems. Mountain bike and helmet required. 16 people max. with riding experience. Henry F, Aiden W, Ethan P, Joshua T, Hayden H, Earl M, Logan W, Carson H, Andrew T, Aydan J, Gabe W, Ethan B, Travis F, Beckett M, Tristen M, Nathan N. *

4. Ropes Course Adventure (1 Day) 12-11-2016

Visit our amazing Upper Campus ropes course complete with low elements such as the nitro crossing, wild wozy, and Mohawk traverse. Spend time developing teamwork and strategy as you climb the giant's ladder, test your skills on the climbing wall, try to pass through Charlotte's web, and swing along the multi-vine. Finish the day with a 100-yard ride down the zip line! Learn about group dynamics and "challenge by choice." 27 people max. Gabe W, Louis L, Emmett J, Violet R, Ryan F, Isabella D, Caitie Jo L, Vicky F, Haruka H, Luci L, Bill L, Mazzy N, Hope H, Tajmana SP, Logan M, Ethan P, Ellie G, Richard Z, Bob C, Owen P, Joshua T, Jocelyn G, Bella S, Ella U, Max M, Tigran N, Julian G, Eugene F, Hannah L, Sophia V. *

5. Secrets of the Desert Exploration (2 Days) 1-13 to 1-14

Are you interested in discovering some of the secrets of the Mojave Desert? Would you like to visit Bickel Camp, the homestead of an inventor and World War II hero who saved thousands of lives? How about checking out a tunnel dug entirely by hand through a mountain by "Burro Schmidt", a miner who lost his mind while searching for gold? Would you like to travel to a secret cemetery with homemade plaques, sculptures, statues, and flags called the "Husky Monument"? Learn about the ecosystem of the desert tortoise and why its habitat is endangered. 18 people max. Ethan M, Ethan G, Eric W, Ellie G, Illiana R, Julian G, Adam PM, Michael B, Siena M, Louis L, Violet R, Isabella D, Caitie Jo L, Luci L, Vicky F, Haruka H, Reynof R, Logan W. *

6. Mammoth Mountain Ski/Snowboard Trip (4 Days) 2-2 to 2-5-2016

How do two full days of deep snow, groomed runs, and terrain parks sound? How about warm condos, your best friends, and a tour bus stocked with movies? Relax in the game room at night and play in the foosball, ping pong, and pool tournaments. Learn about ancient bristlecone pine forests, water wars in the Owens Valley, and the Manzanar Internment Camp. The fee for this trip is approximately \$600. Please check the box below if interested. **Sign-ups and deposits will be accepted at a later date.** 40 people max.

7. Topa Topa Equestrian Trail Ride (1 Day) 2-12-2016

Take a trail ride in the beautiful Upper Ojai Valley! Ride through breezy meadows with views of the Topa Topa Mountains. Enjoy shaded oak woodlands as your horse explores land once inhabited by the Chumash. Learn skills necessary for the spring horse trip! 8 people max. who are currently in the horse program. Bellamie D, Alex A, Ella U, Hannah L, Mazzy N, Charlotte S, Illiana R, Daisy J. *

8. Gold Coast Surf Fishing and Snorkeling (1 Day) 3-12-2016

How about a relaxing day at the beach with your friends fishing, throwing a Frisbee, and playing smash ball! Would you like to hunt for sand crabs and cast your bait into the surf? After lunch we will travel to a local reef for an afternoon of snorkeling and tide pool exploration. Learn about the Coriolis effect, long-shore transport, and species of the intertidal zone. Fishing pole required. 18 people max. Jenny H, Coral J, Michael B, Pele P, Zee G, Caleb C, Lucy L, Jackson Y, Sophia V, Daisy J, Alex C, Melissa L, Amy K, Gigi R, Lancy S, Oscar W, Ethan G, Ann Y. *

9. Ventura River Pres. Equestrian Trail Ride (1 Day) 3-19-2016

This is the second of two trail rides offered! Trailer your horse over to the Ventura River Preserve and ride miles of beautiful trails through chaparral, grassy meadows, and oak forests. Cross the Ventura River and head up a narrow and scenic canyon. This trip is excellent preparation for the spring horse trip. 8 people max. who are currently in the horse program. Gigi R, Siena M, Ethan B, Charlotte S, Bellamie D, Alex A, Lucy L. *

10. Wilderness Surf Kayaking (1 Day) 4-2-2016

Dude! This adventure heads to a secret surf spot that you have to paddle into on a kayak. After stowing your gear in dry bags and strapping on your board, you'll paddle in search of wilderness waves before stopping for lunch on a deserted beach. We could tell you the location, but then we'd have to ... Ideal for experienced surfers and boogie boarders who like a challenge, you will learn about wave physics and marine ecology. Wetsuit, board, and swimming experience required. 8 people max. Tigran N, Zachary D, Sam F, Grace M, Kiana C, Michael A, Aiden W, Pele P. Alternate: Hayden H. *

11. Kern River Rafting (2 Days) 5-19 to 5-20-2016

Its back! Can you survive freezing cold snow melt from the sierras? Would you like to paddle through raging rapids and swim in flat-water pools? After a long absence from the weekend trip list, we will be headed to the Kern River this spring for a day of rafting on one of California's most amazing wild and scenic rivers! This is a two-day trip that leaves Friday after school and returns Saturday night. But the real question is...can you handle it? Learn about our recent water cycle and how it has effected this extensive watershed. The fee for this trip is approximately \$225. 18 people max. who have solid swimming ability. Michael A, Amy K, Oscar W, Bob C, Travis F, Owen P, Beckett M, Eddy H, Nathan N, Eugene F, Timmy C, Sophie A, Henry F, Jenny H, Coral J, Ethan M, Zee G, Earl M. *

