

**Ojai Valley School**  
**2018-2019 Outdoor Education**  
**Weekend Adventures, Lower Campus**  
*(Grades 6 to 8)*

**1. Sespe Wall Rock Climbing (1 Day) 9-9-2018**

This is a one-day excursion to the nearby Sespe Wall 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.

**2. High Sierra Mountaineering (4 Days) 10-4 to 10-7-2018**

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.

**3. Gold Coast Kayaking (1 Day) 11-11-2018**

Do you love the ocean? Would you like to explore the wild coast of California from the water? Join a small crew of kayakers as we paddle down the coast for a day, exploring secluded beaches, stopping to snorkel at a State Marine Conservation Area, and enjoying an amazing lunch. Learn about wave physics and reef preservation.

**4. Jalama Surf and Boogie Beach Day (1 Day) 12-9-2018**

How about a relaxing day at a beautiful central-coast beach with your friends surfing, boogie boarding, or riding an air mattress? Search for sea glass, throw a Frisbee, play smash ball, or just relax and read a magazine! Would you like to hike down the beach toward the Pt. Conception lighthouse? Have a world-famous “Jalama Burger” for lunch at the campground store while you watch the surf crashing outside. Learn about the Coriolis effect, long-shore transport, and species of the intertidal zone.

**5. Secret Spot Canyoneering (1 Day) 1-13-2019**

An occasional canyoneer, Ventura County Search and Rescue, and a small team from the OVS middle school are the only regular explorers of this remote spot. Leave the thin and winding trail to follow the creek to the first swimming hole where you can stop for a break and jump 5, 10, or even 20 feet into a deep, blue-green pool. Continue hiking and search quietly for a secret trail that breaks away from the creek and heads off to a forgotten camp where we will have lunch and sign the hidden register ... sound like fun? Lets go! Learn about indicator species and participate in service learning.

**6. Mammoth Mountain Ski/Snowboard Trip (4 Days) 1-31 to 2-3-2019**

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 \$650.)

**7. Topa Topa Equestrian Trail Ride (1 Day) 2-10-2019**

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-camping trip! (Enrollment in Equestrian Program required.)

**8. Sycamore Canyon Mountain Biking (1 Day) 3-3-2019**

Join us for an exciting mountain bike ride through the beautiful Santa Monica Mountains. Descend through a pristine forest and cross trickling streams on a 10-mile single-track trail called "Guadaluco." Have a picnic lunch and relax at the beach. Continue down the "Backbone" trail that sweeps and banks down a hillside. 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, riding experience, and helmet required.

**9. Ventura River Pres. Equestrian Trail Ride (1 Day) 3-17-2019**

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 camping trip. (Enrollment in Equestrian Program required.)

**10. Piedra Blanca Rock Climbing & Rappelling (1 Day) 3-31-2019**

We've been saving this trip for years and now it is your chance to climb one of the most beautiful routes we've ever seen. Join us on an exciting trip into the Sespe for a first OVS ascent of a towering formation. Practice top roping, leading, and rappelling before calling it a day and going for a swim in the "Lion's Paw," a secret swimming hole found nearby. Learn about force-vector physics and water safety. (Climbing experience required.)

**11. Kern River Rafting (2 Days) 5-10 to 5-11-2019**

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? 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 affected this extensive watershed. (The fee for this trip is approximately \$225. Solid swimming ability required.)