

Ojai Valley School

2018-2019 Outdoor Education

Weekend Adventures, Upper Campus

- **Pine Mountain bouldering & hiking, Sept. 5-6:** Students will venture to Pine Mountain and Reyes Peak for hiking, bouldering, stargazing and an introduction to rock climbing and bouldering techniques. Base camp trip.
- **Santa Cruz Island Scorpion Harbor, Sept. 10-12:** Snorkeling, sea kayaking, and hiking at Channel Islands National Park. Marine Science Students encouraged to attend.
- **Backpacking Sierras Kings & Sequoia, Sept. 25-28:** Students will spend 3 nights backpacking in the Sierras visiting high alpine lakes and investigating some of the phenomenal geology of the surrounding areas. Previous backpacking experience required.
- **Stargazing & Hiking Mt. Pinos, Oct. 5-7:** Students will join Mr. Sittig to explore and geocache among Ventura County's highest elevations by day and explore the sky at night. This trip will be a great opportunity for exploration of some great trails through the pine-forested peaks close to home.
- **Climbing in the Eastern Sierras - Alabama Hills, Oct. 13-16:** This is a sport and trad climbing mecca. Endless routes on awesome rock to test all ability levels. New to climbing? Not to worry, very beginner friendly. Must attend at least 3 rope R.E.A.P sessions to attend.
- **Santa Rosa Island, Nov. 3-5:** On this trip, students will visit the more remote Santa Rosa Island, and participate in beach exploration and hiking through some magnificent landscapes.
- **Weekend Outdoor Adventure, Nov. 9-11:** Beach or Mountains close to home.
- **Mountain Biking Sycamore Canyon, dates TBD:** OVS students will have the opportunity to ride mountain bikes on several of the numerous paths and trails in the Los Padres National Forest. Prior mountain biking experience is required. (Extra free if bike rental required.)
- **Mountain Biking Sycamore Canyon, dates TBD:** Intermediate/Advanced trip into Sycamore Canyon.
- **Backyard backpacking trip, dates TBD:** explore the extended backyard of OVS campus. No buses, no vans, no problem. No transport needed. Backpacking to the Topa Topa Mountains from campus, with a base camp at White Ledge and a day hike to the summit.
- **Mammoth Ski & Snowboarding, Feb. 28-March 2:** Join us at Mammoth, where we'll ski and/or snowboard this mountain with a summit elevation of 11,053 feet. (Approximate cost per student is \$700, which includes transport, lodging, lift ticket and rentals.)
- **San Onofre Surf Trip, March 9-11:** OVS water enthusiasts will travel a few hours south the surf at the famous breaks in San Onofre, CA. Other water activities will be available, including stand up paddle boarding and bodysurfing.

- **Canyon Country Honors Trip, March 23-31:** In this year's Honors Trip to the Utah desert, students will be hiking and navigating the wondrous landscape of the Colorado Plateau, where erosional processes have been taking place for millennia, creating incredible features in the rocks. Students will have the opportunity to practice some climbing and bouldering techniques, in addition to hiking, and canyon exploration. This trip will combine backpacking and multi-day whitewater rafting on the San Juan River in Utah.
- **Backpacking in the Sespe Wilderness, April (exact dates TBD):** Students will venture into the Sespe wilderness for an adventure along the Sespe River. Exploring some great swimming holes and uncovering some amazing geology very close to campus.
- **Kern River Rafting, May 18-20:** OVS students will travel to one of the closest drainages within the Sierra Nevada Mountains and will spend two days whitewater rafting. This trip will be run through a professional guiding service based in Kernville, CA. (Requires an additional per student charge of \$125 to cover trip expenses. Students who wish to join this trip must have already met their camping requirement to be eligible for this trip.)
- **Joshua Tree National Park, dates TBD:** backpacking in Joshua Tree National Park.

Other backpacking trips may include: Sierra Nevada Mountains, Santa Rosa Island, Catalina Island, Big Sur (Central Coast), Sespe Wilderness, Los Padres National Forest, Joshua Tree National Park.