



LAKE SIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

LAKE SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
11833 Woodside Ave.
LAKE SIDE, CALIFORNIA 92040

OUTDOOR SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Arrangements are being made for Lakeside Middle School students to attend Outdoor School during the week of January 9, 2023 through January 13, 2023. Outdoor School is a five-day residential program coordinated through the San Diego County Office of Education. Students who attend the program will have the opportunity to learn in a natural environment and participate in hands-on activities that incorporate the state's science framework. The curriculum includes life science, biology, botany, earth science, geology, meteorology, astronomy, outdoor skills, Native American lore, recreational activities, and crafts. Several of our LMS teachers will accompany the students to Outdoor School and will remain with them during the full five-day program.

The total cost for Outdoor School is \$300.00, which includes transportation to and from Outdoor School. Parents must register their child at smull@lsusd.net. A \$50 deposit (which counts toward the total cost) must be submitted to [MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM](https://myschoolbucks.com) no later than November 1, 2022. The balance of \$250.00 must be received by the District Office one week prior to departure unless other arrangements have been made through a school site administrator. All payments are on [MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM](https://myschoolbucks.com).

Please note that the payments associated with Outdoor School are voluntary contributions and no student will be denied participation based on lack of payment. Once the District determines the amount of voluntary contributions, the District will make a determination whether to fundraise the additional amount or cancel the trip due to lack of adequate funding. In the unfortunate event that the District has to cancel Outdoor School because of a funding shortfall, any contributions made to the District (including deposits) will be returned.

If you need financial assistance or arrangements to make payments, please contact Steve Mull, principal, in writing and received by November 1, 2022. All conversations with District or site administration regarding financial matters will remain strictly confidential. We will do everything we can to accommodate your individual needs so that your student will not miss this fantastic learning opportunity.

Additional Program Details

Students will be randomly separated and will sleep in bunk beds in separate cabins. Together or apart requests must be for a valid reason and must be turned in to your child's core teacher.

Students will eat cafeteria style together. Any allergies or special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian) will be accommodated. There is a registered nurse at Outdoor School who distributes medication and can address health-related issues. Parents may contact the Outdoor School nurse or chef regarding their child's special health or dietary needs at 760) 765-4110.

Students requiring medication will need a white medical authorization form signed by a physician. The medical form will give the on-site nurse permission to administer certain over-the-counter medications. **White medical forms do no need to be turned in early. The form stays with the child's medication and must be turned in on the day we depart.**

The required forms and packing lists will be handed out to parents at the upcoming informational meeting in November. However, the forms will not be collected until December in case there are any changes to your child's health. These forms, as well as camping checklists and an interactive site map, are also available on the San Diego County Office of Education's website, located at <http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/outdoored>.

We will be departing in school buses from Lakeside Middle School on January 9 at 9:30 a.m. We will return on January 13 between noon and 12:30 p.m. **Parents need to make arrangements to pick up their child at this time.**

If you have any questions, please contact Lakeside Middle School at (619) 390-2636 or e-mail smull@lsusd.net. **Your child's core teacher is also a contact person for information on Outdoor School.**

Sincerely,

Steve Mull
Principal, Lakeside Middle School