

Room 7 End-of-Year Camping

“...during the difficult time of adolescence it is helpful to leave the accustomed environment of the family in the town and go to quiet surroundings, in the country, close to nature. Here, an open-air life, individual care, a non-toxic diet, must be the first considerations in organizing a ‘center of study and work.’” (Montessori)

In short, Montessori field study experiences give adolescents the opportunity to build independence and character when they leave home and the traditional school environment to participate in academic, practical, and social activities. Through these studies our MMS Middle Schoolers learn that education is more than what happens in a book or a classroom. We are lifelong learners who learn from our experiences, from each other, and from what the world has to offer. In this vein, we are ending this school year with one last camping experience.

The spring camping experience will be a three day, two night experience in Balboa Park. We will start our “Journey’s End” camping at school on Wednesday, June 6 at school. Students will then be transported by personal vehicle to the Boy Scout Camp at Balboa Park, which will serve as our base of operation for the experience. During this field study, students will hike, visit some of the museums Balboa Park has to offer, take in a play at The Old Globe, and serve the community through trail clean-up. Students will build their independence, not just by spending time away from parents, but by running cooking crews to care for themselves and our Room 7 community.

During our trip, please contact the school office for non-emergent matters at (858) 270-9350. In case of an emergency, you can reach us at (619)729-5303. Pictures will be uploaded to Konstella in the evenings.

Students will end their time together back at school on Friday, June 8. All students should be picked up at their regular dismissal time of 3:30. Please see the attached schedule for further details.

We have several opportunities for parent volunteers (and getting those school volunteer hours!). We will need drivers, chaperone(s), and a *male chaperone* for each night. Please see the sign-up via Konstella.

Please review the attached packing list, though your student should pack for him/herself. Permission slips must be returned by Friday, June 2.

I give permission for my child, _____, to attend spring camp at Balboa park, accompanied by Ms. Smith and various middle school parent chaperones. My child **will / will not** stay overnight at the Balboa Park Girl Scout Camp with Ms. Smith and _____ male chaperone. My child may participate in all spring camp activities. Additionally, I give permission for the teachers or designated parents to transport my child by personal car on the days the students travel for this field study or in the event of an accident or illness requiring immediate return to school.

_____ My child does NOT have any medical needs or medications.

_____ My child has the following medical need(s) and/ or medicines/ medications:
(Please include OTC medicine and vitamins.)

Parent Signature

Date

*** attach schedule

*** attach packing list