

## Balboa Park Journey's End Service Learning

Date: 6/1

Time:

Duration: 2 hours

Contact: Balboa park Rangers' Office 1245 Park Blvd. (619) 235-1122

Supplies needed: closed-toed shoes, bug spray, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, snack, hand sanitizer

Supplies provided by by park services: trash bags, gloves, and trash grabber poles

Students will work with a San Diego Parks ranger on cleaning up a canyon trail in Balboa Park. Between visitors, hikers, and homeless encampments, the trails at Balboa park can get a build up of trash. Helping with a trail clean-up is very helpful for the park rangers and in turn the locals and visitors to Balboa park.

It is possible/ likely that we will encounter people who are encamped near our trail. Please treat all people with dignity and respect. Follow directions from park rangers and your teachers with regards to interacting with outside individuals and groups.

Connection to the theme is that on our own metaphorical journey or when seeing other people on their journey we notice that life gets cluttered with "trash" that just creates obstacles or makes things more messy. During AOP we will talk about how sometimes we need to take a step back and look at how we can remove excess and obstacles that are in our way. If we are seeing obstacles that are in others' way, how can we help them "tidy up"?

AOP:

What was a challenge you faced during this service opportunity?

What were some common types of trash on the trails here in Balboa Park?

If we encountered people experiencing homelessness, what were your feelings about what you saw and experienced?

If we were instructed to throw away any items belonging to people experiencing homelessness, what were some items you had to throw away? What were your feelings around that?

How did the service project relate to our field study theme of journey/ Journey's End?

When you are on a metaphorical path/ journey in life, what can you do to "clean things up" and remove obstacles?

What is the point of cleaning up this community? None of us live in Balboa Park, so why should we care?