



# WORLD EXPEDITIONS

OF SAN DIEGO

## Muirlands 6th Grade Camp 2016

### *Camp Cuyamaca Outdoor School Expedition Information*

This document is your contract. Please read both sides.

Muirlands' 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are being offered a unique educational opportunity this Spring Break, a 5-day trip to Camp Cuyamaca, the outdoor school operated by the San Diego County Office of Education. The trip will depart from Muirlands early morning Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and return early afternoon on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The mission of Outdoor Education is to provide students with experiential learning programs that enhance awareness and scientific understanding of the natural world. This trip will also provide opportunities for social growth, self-reliance and teamwork. Students will be accompanied by parent volunteers.

*Note: This educational tour is sponsored by World Expeditions of San Diego and the San Diego County Office of Education. Muirlands Middle and the San Diego Unified School District assume no responsibility or liability. Funding is by private payment.*

**Discounted Cost: \$385** (applies to all payments by check, cash or money order.) Full Cost: \$405 for credit card payments.

**Includes:** Roundtrip bus from Muirlands, camp accommodations, all meals, camp activities and adult supervision.

**Financial Aid Donations:** It is our hope that every student who is interested, is able to attend camp. We do offer a few partial, need-based scholarships. **Parents,** If you would like to help increase the number of students who can participate, we encourage you to donate to the scholarship fund. Please donate any amount, by a separate check made payable to the **Muirlands Foundation**. Please specify that it is to go towards camp scholarships. Send it in with your registration card and deposit to World Expeditions, or directly to the Muirlands Foundation, 1056 Nautilus St., La Jolla, CA 92037.

**Registration:** All 6<sup>th</sup> Graders who wish to participate in this year's trip must register with **World Expeditions**. To register, each participant must fill out a **Muirlands 6th Grade Camp Registration** card and return it with a deposit\* to: **World Expeditions, 4312 Witherby St., San Diego, CA 92103**. Do not return cards and payments to school.

\* Students who are applying for financial aid must check the **Financial Aid** box on the registration card and return it to World Expeditions as soon as possible. Financial aid applicants do not need to send a deposit with the registration card, and will be notified when a deposit is due. There will be a Financial Aid Application that must be filled out and returned according to the instructions given.

Payments:	<u>By Check/Cash</u>	<u>By CC</u>	<u>Due By</u>
Deposit	\$100	\$105	Nov. 13, 2015, however, confirmation is first-come, first-served.
Final Payment	\$285	\$300	Feb. 12, 2016

All payments are fully refundable until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Cancel fee of \$50 starts Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. See Cancel Policy below for more details.

**Payments Accepted:** Check, cash, money order. (Credit cards can be used, however, the Full Cost of \$405 will be charged.)

**Checks:** Make payable to **World Expeditions**. Mail with your Registration Card or top portion of statement. Approximately two weeks after the registration deadline an account statement will be mailed to all registered participants.

**Credit Cards:** Please send a note with the registration card, or call our office with CC number, expiration date and zip code.

**Cancellation/Disqualification Policy:** All cancellations and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing or email and received in our office prior to the cancel dates. Prior to and including **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**, there is no cancel fee. After Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> a cancel fee of \$50 will be assessed for any cancellation (**including disqualification**.) The cancel fee increases to \$100 after Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. After Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, the cancel fee is \$385. There will be no cancel fee if a Wait List student takes a cancelled student's place.

**Space is limited.** We hope to accommodate every student who is interested, however, at this point, space is limited. Confirmation on the trip will be first-come, first-served, based on when the registration card and deposit, or registration card with the **financial aid** box checked are received by World Expeditions. Once the tour capacity is reached, all subsequent registrants will be placed on a wait list. Wait list students who do not make it onto the trip will be refunded in full.

**Trip Behavior:** This is an educational-enrichment trip and students will be expected to be actively engaged in learning at all sites visited, and to adhere to rules similar to those at school and any other rules given by leaders. Students who fail to do so may be disqualified in which case a parent will be required to come pick their student up.

**Questions:** Please email your registration/payment questions to Steve Ewalt at: [expeditions@mac.com](mailto:expeditions@mac.com). For questions regarding scholarships/camp planning, please contact Michelle Scherrer: [shellscherrer@san.rr.com](mailto:shellscherrer@san.rr.com) or 619 985-1632.



## World Expeditions Contract Information and Conditions

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**Health and Physical Requirements:** Travel in general and this tour specifically are physically demanding. All participants should be in good physical and mental health. Participants must have the maturity and capability of taking care of themselves on a daily basis. World Expeditions' employees, tour leaders, chaperones and tour guides are not able to provide full-time one-on-one assistance to participants with physical limitations. Under certain circumstances, adult chaperones will be able to administer medications. Any participant suffering from permanent or temporary illness, impairment or disability may be required to make their own arrangements (including payment) for the provision of assistance while on the tour. Any potential participant with such requirements must fully disclose their conditions at time of registration. Confirmation for the tour in such cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Most of the tour is wheelchair accessible. Tour leaders will make every reasonable attempt to make sure that all participants are included in all aspects of the tour.

**Confirmation:** Tour participation can only be confirmed after receipt of the initial payment and the Expedition Registration Card, providing that deadlines and conditions listed on this *Expedition Information* sheet are met. Receipt of the signed Registration Card verifies that the participant and parent have read and understand all conditions listed on the *Expedition Information* sheet and all other requirements set by World Expeditions and/or group leaders.

**Disqualification:** It is the participant's and parent's responsibility to know and abide by all conditions and requirements for participation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the tour and loss of money paid.

**Payments:** Payments must be kept up to date. Initial registration and deposit deadlines, if any, must be met. Subsequent payments should be received within one week of the due date. In some cases, customized payment plans may be arranged.

**Trust Account:** California law requires sellers of travel to deposit payments into a trust account. World Expeditions has a trust account at Union Bank of California. All deposits are insured up to \$100,000 by the FDIC.

**Late Payments:** Payments not received within one week of due date are considered late and participants are subject to the following:

1. World Expeditions reserves the right to place that participant at the end of the wait list.
2. World Expeditions and/or the group leaders may choose to disqualify anyone who is not fully paid within 30 days of departure. All cancel penalties will apply for such disqualifications.

**Itinerary:** A final itinerary and a list of hotel addresses and airline flights will be provided at a meeting to be held approximately one week prior to departure. The tour itinerary is subject to change at any time should circumstances make such change necessary.

**Price Increase:** The tour price is based on a minimum number of participants and a specific itinerary. Should the number of participants fall below the minimum, or should the itinerary be changed, the tour price is subject to increase. Anyone who registers for the tour after the First Payment or Deposit date (whichever is earlier) may be subject to paying a higher price. ***World Expeditions reserves the right to collect from the travelers the cost of a government or vendor imposed tax, fee or surcharge which goes into effect after the First Payment or Deposit date (whichever is earlier.)***

**Returned Check Fee:** There will be a \$10 fee for checks returned by your bank.

**Fundraising Money:** If you cancel or are disqualified from the tour, any fundraising money will be refunded directly back to the fundraising account, and will not be returned to you.

**Behavioral Release:** World Expeditions has the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour at any time for any reason before or during the actual tour. Should the behavior of a participant endanger their safety or the safety of the group, or cause a significant adverse effect on the quality of the trip for the other participants, they will be eliminated from participation and returned home at their or their parent's expense.

**General Release:** World Expeditions' responsibility is strictly limited. World Expeditions and/or its representatives act as agents for the tour participants in all matters connected with hotel accommodations, sight-seeing, restaurants and transportation and as an agency holds itself free of responsibility for any liability occurring due to the performance of the independent contractors supplying services for this tour. Neither World Expeditions nor its agents or employees shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss, expense or inconvenience in connection with any accommodation, transportation or travel services that result directly or indirectly from any occurrence or conditions beyond their control including but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, theft, delay or cancellation, late departures, change of schedule, strikes, acts of God, commercial frustration, acts of war or terrorism, or the willful or negligent act and/or omission by the provider of services or their respective representatives including without limitation, their failure to deliver, or inadequate delivery of travel services.

**Rights of the California consumer:** This business is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation (TCRC). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if you are owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which was not refunded in a timely manner by a seller of travel who was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the seller of travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating seller of travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale.

You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 600, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001 or faxing a request to 415 927-7698.

**If the Tour is Canceled and no longer operates:** Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions listed on this *Expedition Information* sheet, all sums paid to World Expeditions for services not received by you will be promptly refunded by World Expeditions to you unless you otherwise advise World Expeditions in writing.