



## What is Sonora?

Sierra Outdoor School, operated and owned by Clovis Unified School District.

Annual 6th grade field trip for all 6th graders in Clovis Unified.

One of the best memories your child will have during their educational career.

Wednesday, November 1-3, 2017.

A 2 night- 3 day trip that provides an outdoor setting and a science-based educational experience in which one learns how to respect one's self, others, and the environment.

[Sierra Outdoor School Science Trip](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwZeBl80qsc#action=share)

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## What's the camp like?

Girls' Dorm & Boys' Dorm

Bunk beds, chaperone rooms, bathrooms, showers stalls

Large dining hall

Gymnasium

Educational Buildings

Challenge course

Miles and miles of trails through brush, roads, creeks, up and down hills

Closed Campus, just like our schools

## What will they be doing?

High Ropes

Wilderness Skills

Silent Mile/Heart Attack Hill

Starwatching

Campfire

Mountain Madness

Possible ½ day trip to Caverns

## What will they eat?

Breakfast, Snack, Lunch, and Dinners are included.

Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, biscuits, tacos, oatmeal, deli sandwiches

Students bring 1 packed lunch the day we go up.

Other snacks/food/treats/drinks aren't allowed at camp.

Adult chaperones- salad bar and coffee :)

## Who takes care of my kid?!

**WE DO!!!**

Very experienced staff members- us and the Sierra Outdoor staff

Fingerprinted chaperones from Bud Rank

No cell phones (or other electronic devices) allowed at camp or on the bus

Send mail to them and they open it at dinner times! It's super fun. Or give a letter/package to teacher and they'll take it up.

**Sierra Outdoor School and Conference Center**

15700 Old Oak Ranch Road  
Sonora, CA 95370

## What should I send with my student?

Suggested:

Outerwear (jackets, sweatshirts, coats)

Accessories (gloves, beanies, hats, scarves)

\*Dress Code is relaxed on hats/beanies only

Jeans and Pants

No shorts. They are allowed, but the mornings and nights are cold; walks and trails are through heavy brush.

2 Pairs of shoes- rain, snow, mud, dirty

Bath Towel

Bedding- blankets, pillow, sleeping bag

Camera (disposable or digital labeled with name)

Cash- snack cart opens after lunchtime and store opens last day

Refillable water container (labeled with name)

Average temps in October:

Highs 73    Lows 48

Average temps in November:

Highs 59    Lows 39

## What can't I send with my student?

- Electronic devices- cell phones, iPads, tablets, hair dryers, music players, etc.
- Snacks, candy, drinks- critters, allergies, sharing issues
- Medications that you just "place in their bag for emergency."
  - Complete the MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM if you have concerns and get it into the Nurses' Office. See next slide.

## Health & Diet Concerns

If your child has any dietary needs, please pick up the **SPECIAL MEAL STATEMENT** form. Return to Jessica Sanchez by **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**.

ALL MEDICATION (Tylenol, Claritin, Ibuprofen, Prescriptions) must be given to the Nurse's office with the **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM** by **Wed., October 25, 2017**.

Bud Rank staff tends and administers medical needs to students.

If a student becomes ill while at camp, a parent chaperone stays with them in the infirmary.

If a student has a temperature, the parents will be contacted for pick-up at Sonora.

[More SOS FAQs](http://sos.cusd.com/about/faqs) <http://sos.cusd.com/about/faqs>

## Financial Info

- Live Card Fundraising starts August 28 and ends September 7, 2017.
  - Fundraiser is optional and no other incentives are tied to it.
  - Students receive \$15 back for every card sold (each card is \$20).
  - If you would like to fundraise for others than your student, please let me know.
  - If you fundraise more than is needed, we will put the overage toward a student in need.
- Plan on Sonora costing around \$225 per individual.
- We will send a balance of what is due after the fundraiser ends. Please do not pay for the field trip until you receive this balance.
- Payment plans are available when asked for in advance, please email or call Mrs. Sanchez to get on one (327-4900 or [jessicasanchez@cusd.com](mailto:jessicasanchez@cusd.com))

## Chaperone FAQs

1. Chaperones bunk in the dorms with students.
2. Chaperones run the shower, sleep, etc routine.
3. Students cannot be in the dorms without a chaperone. Chaperones count their group of students at start of each class and meal time.
4. Chaperones participate in all classes and help with supervision, safety, & classroom management.
5. Chaperones do have the “lizard lounge” where you may store some personal snacks or drinks, that are not to be shared with students.
6. Chaperones are encouraged to not use their cell phones. If you must, please be discreet and choose your timing wisely.
7. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, weapons, etc. It is a closed Clovis Unified School Campus.
8. Chaperones pay to attend just like the students.

## Chaperone Lottery

Still want to attend the 3 day tour!?

1. Complete the **CHAPERONE LOTTERY NOTICE** by Friday, 9/1/17.
  - a. Did you already submit a **2017-2018** approved volunteer packet?
    - i. Yes? Fill the notice out and give to Mrs. Sanchez tonight.
    - ii. No? Follow step #2.
2. Complete the **2017-2018 Approved Volunteer Paperwork & Photo of ID**.
  - a. Send the NOTICE and Volunteer Paperwork and ID to school by Friday, 9/1/17.
  - b. Attention: Mrs. Sanchez
3. You will be contacted Thursday, 9/7/17, if you have been selected as a chaperone.
  - a. **CHAPERONE MANDATORY FINGERPRINTING WILL BE MONDAY, 9/18/17 @ 5:30.**
4. Parents not selected will be notified by letter sent home with the student.

# Closing Thoughts

From admin

From teachers

From parents

Don't forget to do your chaperone notice and volunteer paperwork tonight!

Medication and Dietary forms are on the stage.