



Mount Madonna Middle School
ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPING TRIP - 2021

Dear Middle School Families,

This year the Middle School will be going to Portola Redwoods State Park for our annual beginning-of-the-school-year field trip.

We will be holding Field Trip Orientations for parents and students in late August- date TBA. To ensure that students are well prepared for the trip, all 6th and all new Middle School students are requested to attend the orientation at the Mount Madonna School Upper Campus.

The middle school will be leaving MMS on **Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021**. Students who normally ride the bus to school will do so on Tuesday morning, with all of their baggage. Please unload baggage at the bus turnaround in the designated baggage area. We will have an orientation in the Library at 9:00 am. We will then meet at the bus turn-around at 10:30 am for departure.

No electronic devices will be allowed on the trip, with the exception of cameras. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT STUDENTS LEAVE THEIR DEVICES AT HOME FOR SAFEKEEPING. If they bring devices to school, the items will be collected at the park and stored safely for the duration of the trip.

Review the Clothing and Equipment List carefully (on the following page)

Please pack things small and tight for easy transport. **Pack a lunch and snacks for Tuesday only.**

Return: We will leave the camping area at noon on Friday, September 10 and we expect to return to MMS between 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm. Parents, you may pick up your children at the Middle/High campus at that time or students may ride the bus home at 3:30 pm, in which case students should also be prepared to help clean up the bus. Students may also get off at the Safeway bus stop in Watsonville at approx. 2:00 pm, where you would need to pick them up. Please indicate your choice of option when completing the permission eform.

In order for your child to go on the trip you must submit the Middle School Camping Trip Permission Form in the PowerSchool Parent Portal by **August 23, 2021. All students must be in full compliance with current California state laws for immunizations.**

How to access the trip permission eform in the PowerSchool Parent Portal

Log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal: <https://mountmadonna.powerschool.com>

Once you have successfully logged in, click the Forms menu, and then click on the Middle School Camping Trip Permission Form under the General Forms tab. The form is not complete until you have hit "Submit" at the bottom right corner. Items with * are required information.

Email Masina at registrar@mountmadonnaschool.org if you have issues logging in and/or with completing the form.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT LIST – LABEL EVERYTHING WITH STUDENT’S LAST NAME!

ALL middle school students, please bring the following:

___ Medications - prescription or over the counter*****(SEE REQUIREMENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE REGARDING MEDICATIONS)**

___ Tent (**highly recommended** due to mosquitoes and other pesky creatures. Students will NOT be allowed to share tents this year due to health precautions.) It is **highly recommended that the student practice putting tent up before the trip**

___ Bag lunch and snacks for Tuesday only - no other food please! Students should keep all food in their daypacks, as birds are quite skilled at pecking through paper bags!

___ Hat for sun protection

___ Day Pack – large enough for lunch, journal, rain gear and water bottle

___ Water bottle – unbreakable, leak-proof one-quart or 1-L bottles with lid that seals fully

___ Journal and pen or pencil

___ Rain Gear – complete rain suit or poncho (coated nylon is best)

___ Sunscreen – SPF 30 or higher

___ Insect repellent – there are many varieties at drugstores and natural food stores

___ Bandana – to be used for games and as a lunch placemat

___ Foot gear – sturdy, ankle supporting, and preferably waterproof for hiking ___ Foot gear – a second pair of shoes (for in-camp)

___ Warm sleeping bag

___ Foam sleeping mat

___ Small pillow

___ Bathing Suit

___ Jacket – a lightweight lined parka with a hood is a good choice

___ Pants – 2-3 pair, including 1 pair of shorts

___ Shirts – short and long-sleeved, to accommodate the changes in weather

___ Sweater – fleece or wool is best

___ Socks – 1-2 pair per day

___ Underwear

___ Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washcloth, bath towel

___ Plate, knife, fork, spoon, cup & bowl in a mesh bag (**unbreakable and LABELED WITH NAME!!!**)

___ Small flashlight

___ a bag of quarters (\$0.25) for showers- each shower takes 4-5 quarters

Optional:

___ Water shoes that are secured to the feet (not flip flops)

___ Sunglasses

___ Camera

___ Pajamas