

Junior Orientation 2016- Camping Trip

August 25-26



Welcome back to school! The junior teachers are excited to have you back in the classrooms as we foresee your best year yet. But before that, we are psyched to have the opportunity to play and relax outside with you!

Please read over the following very carefully. With the trip being at the start of the school year, we will have a very short amount of time to be prepared. Thank you for your support!

Purpose

As part of a 20% Project in Stephen's Humanities class last year, Lilah Gutt, Briana Garcia and Maya Zarlingo came up with this camping trip idea. The goal is to provide a fun, relaxing and team-building experience to kick off junior year on a positive note and help build stronger student-teacher relationships. The junior teachers are so happy to support this idea!

From Lilah, Briana and Maya

As students, we need the opportunity to come into our own and detach from the norms of everyday life, such as electronics. We tend to underestimate the power of the outdoors and being in unity with each other. By creating an environment where the future junior class will be separated from what they may be used to and pushed from their comfort zone, the benefits could be more than rewarding. We believe that through this project students may bond with each other and teachers in a natural and relaxing setting. In turn allowing students to reach their fullest potentials in and outside of school. We are creating a camping trip for the orientation of the 11th grade. In order to make this happen, we are asking all parents of 11th graders for a minimum of \$5 donation. (If this is a financial burden to your family in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's advisor.)

Chaperones

Hannah Starbuck, Math Teacher and junior advisor
Steve Smith, Science Teacher
Christine Imming, Finance Director and Junior Advisor
Jessica McCallum, Humanities and Spanish 4 Teacher
Ashley Carruth, Humanities Teacher
Janae Hunderman, LINK Internship Coordinator
Jess Adams, College Counselor

Itinerary

Thursday, August 25, 8am: drop off gear with teachers at Animas High upper parking lot
Thursday, school begins at 8:20am: all juniors meet in Commons at Animas High School
Thursday noon: load buses and ride to Lemon Reservoir
Friday, August 26 at noon: load buses and return to Animas High School, early release at 1:00

Location

We have campsite reservations just past Lemon Reservoir at the Florida Group Campsite.

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Donations

If you would like to send your student with a little extra love, feel free to send some home baked goodies or marshmallows for around the campfire!

Personal Gear

Please check the weather in advance and be prepared for rain and cold. If you don't own these things, please try borrowing!

<div><u>Forms/Food/Money</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Signed permission slip (attached)<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 to cover cost of bus<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday sack lunch to be eaten at school<input type="checkbox"/> Friday sack lunch to be eaten on the way home<input type="checkbox"/> Bars, trail mix, snacks<input type="checkbox"/> Group gear and food (see below)</div> <div><u>Camping gear</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (ideally rated 20-30°F)<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad<input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow<input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp with fresh batteries<input type="checkbox"/> Bowl, Plate, Cup & Utensils (no ceramic)<input type="checkbox"/> Camp chair (optional)<input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife (optional)<input type="checkbox"/> Notebook/journal and pen/pencil</div> <div><u>Hiking gear</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle<input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack/Backpack<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shoes or sneakers<input type="checkbox"/> Hat with brim<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses<input type="checkbox"/> Rainjacket (must be waterproof!)</div>	<div><u>Clothes</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> One pair hiking pants or shorts<input type="checkbox"/> One fresh shirt for day 2<input type="checkbox"/> Light long sleeve tops and bottoms for layering<input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket/puffy for the evening<input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat (synthetic or wool)<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight gloves/mittens<input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas<input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suit<input type="checkbox"/> Sandals/Camp shoes (wool & synthetic are preferable to cotton)</div> <div><u>Toiletries</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (SPF 30 or greater, waterproof)<input type="checkbox"/> Bugspray<input type="checkbox"/> Lip Balm<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/paste/floss<input type="checkbox"/> Soap/Deodorant<input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer<input type="checkbox"/> Wet wipes<input type="checkbox"/> Towel<input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses and/or contact lenses</div> <div><u>Toys (optional!)</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Fully charged camera <input type="checkbox"/> Frisbee/Football/Bocce<input type="checkbox"/> A good book (there will be down time)<input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars<input type="checkbox"/> Musical instruments<input type="checkbox"/> FLARE!!!!- bring something fun, glittery, colorful, let your weird shine!</div>
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Group Gear

These items need to be shared amongst your advisory. You will have time on Wednesday at school to determine who can bring what.

- ☐ Tent (enough room for your pre-determined tent mates, boys with boys, girls with girls)
- ☐ Ground cloth/tarp
- ☐ Stakes for tent
- ☐ Cooler with ice
- ☐ Dry box for other food
- ☐ Stove and fuel
- ☐ Sponge and biodegradable soap (for dishes)
- ☐ Dishwashing bucket/pot
- ☐ Knife and cutting board for food prep
- ☐ Pots and pans
- ☐ Lighter
- ☐ Thursday dinner (meals will be prepared in advisory, please plan who will bring which ingredients to keep you well fed and happy!)
- ☐ Friday breakfast
- ☐ Friday lunch (or each student packs there own)
- ☐ Oil, butter, spices etc
- ☐ Water (1 5-gallon jug per advisory, bring to school FULL on Thursday morning)
- ☐ Trash/recycling bags



Medical

If your student has medication needs we encourage you to consider having him/her take their medication(s) at home prior to leaving on the 25th and upon return to home on the 26th. However, IF this is not appropriate for your student's needs then arrangements will need to be made so that your student can access their needed medications on the trip. Please communicate whether your student will plan to just take their meds at home before and after OR if they will need to access their meds during the trip to etoile.hening@animashighschool.com as soon as you are able so that we can appropriately plan for needed medications to be available.

At the high school level, students are permitted to Self-Carry medications (if "[Self-Carry Contracts](#)" have been completed by all appropriate parties including their physician) with the exception of anti-depressants and controlled substances (Ritalin etc.). Staff will transport and administer all anti-depressants and controlled substances if all required paperwork has been submitted (An "[Authorization to Administer Medications](#)" is required) AND medications are turned in by August 23rd.

Please make sure that your student is prepared with emergency medication and Asthma inhalers if either could possibly be needed.

Please direct questions to our School Health Consultant, Etoile Hening, 970-769-9030, etoile.hening@mountainmiddleschool.org

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PERMISSION

Name of student:

I authorize my student to attend the Junior Orientation Camping Trip on August 25-26, 2016 with the Animas High School chaperones at Lemon Reservoir. Students will be transported via school bus and camp overnight.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Date:

