



## **FOUNTAIN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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October 25, 2017

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians,

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Camp Surf at Imperial Beach, California is in the early stages of planning and preparation. The trip will take place **April 30 - May 2, 2018**. We are so excited to bring this interactive field trip to our students. The trip is aligned with the science standards and provides hands on learning. The enrichment and value of this 3 day learning adventure will focus on oceanography, marshland ecology and tidal environments. Students will be enriched by this 3 day trip. This is a trip your 8<sup>th</sup> grader doesn't want to miss out on!

Today during Academic Strategies your son/daughter received information about the trip and a timeline of payments. You can visit the Camp Surf website for additional information:

<http://www.camp.ymca.org/programs/camp-surf-oe.html>

Please be sure to review the attached information and make note of some key dates:

- Starting **October 30, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.** we will begin accepting deposits for Camp Surf. Please refer to the detailed instructions about how payments will be collected. For bookkeeping purposes, partial payments or payments without a tax credit form will not be accepted. Spaces fill up quickly so get your payment in early.
- A \$100 deposit is non-refundable; full trip cost is \$300 per student
- Full balance of the trip must be paid on or before **April 1, 2018**
- Parent Meeting for attendees April 2, 2018, 7:00 pm
- Student eligibility requirements:
  - Has **no in or out of school** suspensions in the 3rd quarter
  - Has 90% attendance up to end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (March 8, 2018)
  - Is passing all classes for the year-to-date - average **for all classes at a minimum of 60%** as of the end of the 3rd quarter (March 8, 2018)
- Restrictions: Some activities are strenuous. Health forms will be required.

Thank you,

Patti Schultz

[pschultz@fhacademics.org](mailto:pschultz@fhacademics.org)



# Qualifications

A student will be eligible for this trip if he or she:

- Has no in or out of school suspensions in the 3rd quarter
- Has 90% attendance up to March 8, 2018.
- Is passing all classes for the year-to-date—average for all classes at a minimum of 60% as of the end of the 3rd quarter (March 8, 2018)
- Restrictions: Some activities are strenuous. Health forms will be required.

- Questions? Contact Mrs. Schultz at 480.664.5434 or at [pschultz@fhacademics.org](mailto:pschultz@fhacademics.org)

## SAMPLE Schedule

### Monday April 30, 2018

5:00 am Students arrive at FHMS gym  
5:15 am Buses depart  
1:30 pm Arrive at Camp/Lunch  
2:00 pm Group Games  
3:30 pm Beach Bound  
5:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Campfire & S'Mores  
9:00 pm Camp quiet hours begin

### Tuesday May 1, 2018

7:45 am Breakfast  
9:00 am CSI  
10:30 am Jetty Rocks  
12:30 pm Lunch  
1:15 pm Recess/Camp Store  
2:00 pm Beach Time!  
3:30 pm Kayaking!  
5:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Skit Night  
9:00 pm Camp quiet hours begin

### Wednesday May 2, 2018

7:15 am Clean-up with camp staff  
7:45 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Estuary  
10:30 am Estuary continued  
12:30 pm Lunch  
1:30 Say goodbye & load buses  
7:30 pm arrive back at FHMS gym

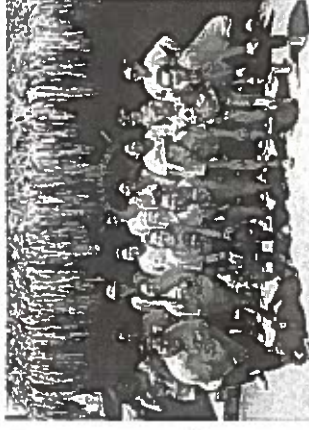


## Camp Surf

8th Grade

Mon. - Wed.

April 30-May 2, 2018



## YMCA Camp Surf

560 Silver Strand Blvd.  
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

- Oceanography
- Team-building
- Island Ecology
- Kayaking

## Parent Information

Camp Surf Website

<http://www.camp.ymca.org>



Information sent home with students:

1. Brochure
2. Letter of Intent to participate
3. Payment forms/tax credit form



## Trip Details

- Total Cost: \$300/ includes camp fees, transportation, lodging and food
- Deposit : \$100 begin accepting Oct. 30, 2017, limited space so commit early
- Final date to hold spot November 17, 2018
- Two Separate Checks Payable to FHMS (or cash) are needed:
  1. \$90 to cover camp cost/deposit
  2. \$10 to cover the club fee
- This Deposit is non-refundable. It will guarantee you a space and is also your promise to be responsible for the remainder of the tuition
- We will start taking deposits on Monday, October 30, 2017 in the office
- Remaining balance due on or before April 1, 2018
- Tuition help may be available for those needing assistance. Call Mrs. Schultz at 480.664.5434/[pschultz@fhcademic.org](mailto:pschultz@fhcademic.org)

Parent meeting will be held in April 2, 2018.



## Curriculum Choices

We will pick 8 from this list  
Also to include Kayaking!

**Group Games** - Participate in fun-filled activities and challenges designed to build self esteem, group cooperation, and trust.

**Beach Bound** - Observe, interpret, and learn about the water cycle, currents, waves, weather, and the cycles of beach formation.

**Jetty Rocks!** - Explore a rock jetty to discover specialized adaptations of plants and animals to survive in the harsh intertidal environment.

**Hop into Habitats** - Diversity, needs for survival, populations, and competition are discovered by comparing coastal communities.

**Marshes aren't Mellow** - Experience the salt marsh and discover why this endangered habitat is vital to many different species.

**CSI (Critter Skill Investigation)** - Measure, estimate, and make predictions about animals by observing and comparing skulls.

**Kelp Connections** - Explore the features of kelp, a kelp forest, and discover how ocean animals and humans use kelp every day!

**Estuary Exploration** - Walk down the beach to learn about tides, zones, and visit the largest coastal estuary in Southern California. (counts as 2 periods)

**Orienteering** - Basic compass skills and an opportunity to practice on a course through camp.

**Sea Survival** - A variety of outdoor survival techniques which may include shelter-building, first aid, cooking, signals, or making a fire.

**Simply Solar** - See how energy from the sun works. Use solar energy to run a motor, a radio, and cook food!

**Teambuilding** - A series of fun classes (up to 3 class periods) designed to build self esteem, group cooperation, communication, and trust. Advanced teambuilding is for junior and senior high school students.

**Climbing Tower** - Offers the chance to set a personal goal and climb a traditional wooden climbing

# **Camp Surf**

## **April 30- May 2, 2018**

### **Letter of Intent**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, plans to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Surf Trip. My deposit of \$100.00\* is included with this Letter of Intent. A tax credit form must be attached with each payment, which allows me to use these payments as tax credit dollars if I choose. This deposit is non-refundable.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Two separate checks payable to FHMS (or cash) are needed: One check for \$90.00 to cover the camp deposit, and one check for \$10.00 to cover the club fee.





## **Tax Credit Dollars and the FHMS Camp Surf Trip**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

All Arizonans can provide significant financial support to our students and it does not cost them even a dollar. The State of Arizona offers state tax payers a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions made to schools. This is a true tax credit, not a deduction. The amount donated comes right off of the taxpayer's bill at the time income taxes are filed. Individual tax payers can contribute up to \$200 and married couples can contribute up to \$400. Tax credit donations can be given to one student group or can be split among many at the taxpayer's discretion.

The trip to **Camp Surf** qualifies as a tax credit. The club name is:

### ***Earthquest – Camp Surf Trip***

All payments made must have a tax credit form attached. **The tax credit form is attached to this packet.** Your payment will then qualify as a tax credit. Check with other Arizona relatives or perhaps a close friend or neighbor to see if they would be interested in contributing as well. With this program, everybody wins and with it, our children expand their horizons.

Any questions or concerns regarding the trip, please contact Mrs. Schultz at 480.664.5434 or [pschultz@fhUSD.org](mailto:pschultz@fhUSD.org). For more information regarding the tax credit program, go to:

<https://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/SchoolTaxCreditsforIndividuals.aspx#>

Regards,

Mrs. Schultz, Trip Advisor  
Fountain Hills Middle School

Fountain Hills Unified School District #98  
Fountain Hills Middle School

Tax Credit - apply towards the payment of: **FHMS - CAMP SURF Deposit**  
Designate extracurricular activity

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: **\$90.00**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

This form is only to be used towards payments for club fees and extracurricular field trips. If you wish to have your dollars apply towards an Arizona Tax Credit, this form must accompany your payment.

Make checks payable to the FHMS, this form is to be used only for payments given for Fountain Hills Middle School activities.  
Administration purposes: ☐ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Routed to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tax Credit - apply towards the payment of: **FHMS - Earthquest Club Fee**  
Designate extracurricular activity

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: **\$ 10.00**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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