# **2016 Student Packet**

**CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL**

Regional Occupational Program

Natural Resources Management



The Desert Trip has been a unique opportunity at CHS for over 30 years and the tradition continues. What can you expect on the Desert Trip?

* An exciting outdoor adventure in which students will hike, climb, explore and journey across the Deserts of California.
* The Desert Trip is an ROP course that will educate and prepare you for careers in Natural Resource Management. These would include careers in Parks, Forestry, Green Energy, Sustainable Design, Environmental Science, Water Resources and many others.
* A chance to connect with students from all walks of life.
* An opportunity for self-reflection and relationship building.
* Chances to learn about Natural History such as ecology, astronomy and geology in the field.

owl**ROP Natural Resource Management**

**CHS Desert Trip 2016 Syllabus**

Course Enrollment Policy

1. As this is an ROP course, all students must be at least 15 years of age by the date of the trip (April 9th).
2. **Course Registration opens January 11th!** Applications will be available January 4th. Students will be enrolled into the course until the capacity is reached (50 students). If enrollment exceeds course capacity, priority will be given based upon:
   1. Grade level (Seniors-Juniors-Sophomores). Junior exchange students will be considered senior status.
   2. Application Timeliness. Applications will be ordered by the **date and time** they are received to the ASB office starting at 7:30 on Jan 11th. Only COMPLETE applications will be considered turned in.
   3. Participation in Environmental Club. This course is partly sponsored by the club and without it; the trip would not be possible. Therefore students who actively participate (weekly attendance, weekend projects, etc.) in the club will be given priority over those students not involved with the club.
   4. Quality and thoughtfulness of the application letter.
3. Course Fee: $315 (due in full to Diana Vita in the ASB Office); there are some scholarships available, if funding assistance is needed please see Mrs. Vita for the appropriate paperwork.

*\*\*If you are capable of donating funds beyond the $315 trip fee, your donations would be greatly appreciated and go to a good cause. We hope to be able to offer this trip in the years to come without reducing the quality of the trip.\*\**

1. All course fees must be paid to the ASB office and all paperwork must be turned into Diana Vita in the ASB office.
2. **The $315 course fee is nonrefundable after Friday, January 29th at 3:00 pm.**
3. This course is worth 3 academic elective credits. Grades will be based on attendance at all course meetings, participation, and completion of assignments.

**Please pay all fees and turn in all paperwork to Diana Vita in the ASB Office. Make checks payable to CHS ASB.**

# **Course Requirements and Grades**

This trip and course is worth credit (elective) so attendance and participation is mandatory. Our first official class meeting will be on **MONDAY, January 25th, 2014**.

The course and trip consist of:

* Six lunch meetings
* One Saturday trip to Pinnacles National Monument
* Desert Trip to Joshua Tree National Park and Wind Wolves Park

You will be REQUIRED to attend ALL meetings prior to the trip for a variety of pre-trip activities, organizing, and information updates. In addition to the required attendance, students may be required to produce a project on Natural Resource Management.

**COURSE INTINERARY AND IMPORTANT DATES (Dates subject to change)**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Time** | **Location** | **Activity** | **Credit Hours** |
| **Monday** | **January 4th** | **7:45** | **ASB Office** | **Applications Available:** ASB office and Mello/Granbery/MB classrooms | **X** |
| **Monday** | **January 11th** | **7:30** | **ASB Office** | **Registration begins-** Turn paperwork into Diana Vita, ASB office starting at 7:30am | **X** |
| **Friday** | **January 15th** | **3:00** | **ASB Office** | **Paperwork and Fees payment deadline-** Get them in before, no late exceptions! Typically application turned in at this late date do not make the list due to excessive numbers | **X** |
| **Mon\*** | **January 25th** | **Lunch 12:35 pm** | **Room 2** | **Lunch Meeting: Trip Information and Introductions** | **0.5** |
| **Thursday** | **January 28th** | **6:00 pm** | **Room 2** | **Parent Meeting** | **X** |
| **Friday** | **January 29th** | **3:00 pm** | **ASB Office** | **Course becomes nonrefundable-**Refunds given only if funds available. | **X** |
| **Mon\*** | **February 8th** | **Lunch 12:35 pm** | **Room 2** | **Lunch Meeting: TBD** | **0.5** |
| **Mon\*** | **February 22nd** | **Lunch 12:35 pm** | **Room 2** | **Lunch Meeting: TBD** | **0.5** |
| **Mon\*** | **March 7th** | **Lunch 12:35 pm** | **Room 2** | **Lunch Meeting: TBD** | **0.5** |
| **Mon\*** | **March 21th** | **Lunch 12:35 pm** | **Room 2** | **Lunch Meeting: TBD** | **0.5** |
| **Saturday\*** | **March 26th** | **7:00 am depart 5:00 pm return** | **Room 2 & CHS** | **Trip to Pinnacles National Park** | **7** |
| **Mon\*** | **April 4th** | **Lunch 12:35** | **Room 2** | **Lunch Meeting: Final Trip Preparation** | **0.5** |
| **Saturday\*** | **April 9th** | **12:00-6:00** | **Room 2** | **Trip Preparation and Resource Discussion** | **6** |
| **Sunday\*** | **April 10th** | **7:00 AM** | **Depart CHS to Joshua Tree** | **Depart CHS for Joshua Tree** | **50** |
| **Sat** | **April 16th** | **Arrive CHS 4pm**  **(tentative)** | **Wind Wolves**  **to CHS** | **Depart Wind Wolves for CHS** |  |
| **TBD** | **TBD** | **TBD** | **TBD** | **Reunion Activity TBD** | **4** |
|  | | | | **Total Participation Hours Required** | **70** |

**\* Indicates Mandatory Meetings and Activities**

Our pre-trip workdays will involve a variety of activities that will focus on organization and team building these also includes cleaning, inventorying, and organizing the ROP food and camping equipment. Students and staff will work cooperatively in small groups.

***Gentle Reminder:* ALL PAPERWORK AND MONEY DUE TO ASB OFFICE STARTING JAN 11TH AND NO LATER THAN THE 15th . (NO EXCEPTIONS). GET YOUR PAPERWORK IN ASAP!**



#### ROP Desert Trip Equipment List-You Keep

EQUIPMENT

* Sleeping bag (rated @ +/- 20° F; nighttime temperatures can be below freezing!)
* Ensolite pad or roll-up foam sleeping pad
* Canteen or water bottles (total of 3 quarts capacity)
* Portable mug, eating utensils, plate/bowl
* Day pack
* Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
* Journal and pen (optional)
* Art supplies (optional)
* Camera (optional)
* Binoculars (optional)

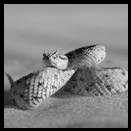
CLOTHES

* Sunglasses with UV protection
* Hat with brim for sun protection
* Bandannas
* Socks (six pair)
* Underwear (six pair)
* Long underwear and top
* Pajamas
* Bathing suit (dress code policy in effect)
* Shorts
* Long pants (one pair)
* Two lightweight T-shirts
* Two heavy shirts (1 long sleeve; 1 polypro or wool)
* Thermal layer (heavy wool sweater or fleece jacket)
* Wool cap and gloves
* Good rainjacket or plastic poncho (waterproof)
* One warm, windblocking jacket (preferably water resistant)
* Shoes: 1 pair sturdy hiking boots, 1 pair light shoes/tennis shoes and/or sandals (Chacos, Tevas)

TOILETRIES & MISC.

* Money for snacks, gifts, books, etc.
* Personal hygiene items: comb, toothbrush/paste, soap, small towel, washcloth
* Personal first aid kit (band-aids & antibiotics)
* Sunblock (30+ SPF)
* Lip balm with sunblock
* Mole foam (for blisters)
* Personal accessories such as books, musical instruments, guitar, etc.

\* Please note that the majority of the trip will be out of cell phone range and away from electricity to recharge devices. Do not expect to be using these devices, LEAVE THEM AT HOME!



**TRIP Application and letter- Turn This Sheet in!**

Student Name

Student Phone Number Year in School

Student Email Address

**PART I: INFORMATION**

1. Check any that apply to you:

* Foreign Exchange Student
* Active Member of the Environment Club that has attended 80% of meetings
* Vegetarian
* Vegan
* Food Allergies

1. What are your food preferences and which foods will you **not** eat? PLEASE NOTE! We will do our best to accommodate your food preferences, however, if you have specific requirements (Ex: Raw foods, gluten free, vegan, etc.) it is advised that you provide your own food. We will provide vegetarian and peanut free alternatives for all meals. If necessary, please talk to staff prior to the trip to discuss your dietary needs.
2. What are your plans for post high school? \_\_ 4 year college \_\_\_ 2 year college or \_\_\_ Voc Training \_\_\_\_ Other

Describe:

1. What medications do you take and how often?
2. Are there any medical issues that we need to be aware of?
3. Anything else you would like us to know about your needs?

**PART II: APPLICATION LETTER-** Please attach a 1-2 page letter that answers the questions below. Please note that we are not grading you on your writing ability but strictly on the thoughtfulness of your response. If you desire more information about the trip please see Mr. Granbery, Mr. Mello or Mr. Maas-Baldwin.

1. What would you like to learn on this trip and why do you want to participate in this program?
2. What do you expect to get out of this experience?
3. What do you feel you have to bring to this program?
4. We all have different environmental belief systems and ideas on we manage our Earth, what is yours?
5. What are your goals for life after the trip?
6. What else should we know about you?

ROP Camping Trip contract and release- Turn in!

**Student Expectations**: READ THESE!!!

1. Attend all meetings unless otherwise approved.
2. Remain in camp unless accompanied by a staff member and checked out.
3. Responsible for generating their own energy, enthusiasm, and experience. You should not depend on others to provide you with your ideal experience.
4. Don’t complain, it’s annoying.
5. Do things excellently (the best that you can given your ability and skills at the moment).
6. Treat others the way you would like to be treated, with respect.
7. Respect each other’s confidentiality. Others will place trust in you on this trip. This is not the time or place for petty high school drama or gossip.
8. Be self-motivated and be helpful at all times. If you don’t want to be there in the first place, don’t go.
9. Be drug and smoke free for the entirety of the trip. Any student caught with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc. will be flown home immediately at the parent’s expense. This trip is a CHS course and CHS disciplinary action will also result upon return (applies to behavior issues as well).
10. In an effort to capture and preserve the positive aspects of this trip, parts of it will be filmed and photographed. I acknowledge that the Desert Trip Staff has the right to film and photograph students and activities during the trip for any use by the Desert Trip Staff.

I have read and understand the behavioral guidelines and the release for the ROP Desert Trip. Furthermore, I understand the consequences for inappropriate behavior.

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Student Signature Date

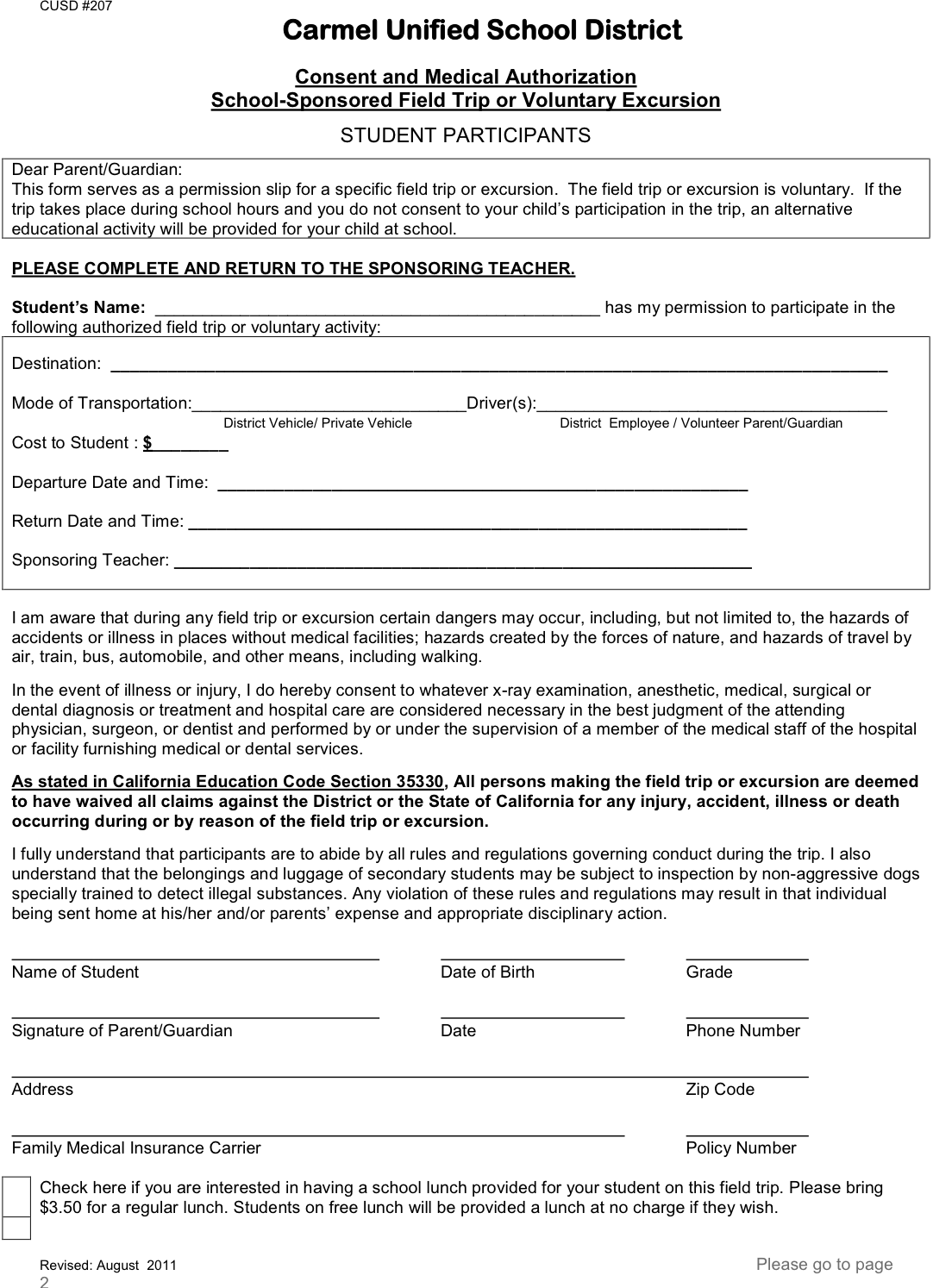
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Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

**\*\*\*There will be a parent information meeting at 6:00pm on January 28th in Room 2.** This meeting is for those parents of students enrolled in the trip. We will discuss course itinerary, safety and guidelines.\*\*\* It is not mandatory to attend.

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Parent Email- We will send out an email to parents with the trip contact information, itinerary and other information.



Pinnacles, Joshua Tree and Wind Wolves Park

CUSD Bus Driver

See Course Outline Attached

CUSD Bus

$315

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