

## James Madison Elementary School

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Program 2018-19

#### Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School – March 18 - 22, 2019

It has become a tradition at James Madison and other San Leandro U.S.D. schools for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in an Outdoor Science Education Program. This is an exciting chance for students to participate in an educational program outside of the classroom. The Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School has the perfect setting and structure to support an enriching outdoor science education experience for our students.

Below is a link to the Mt. Hermon Science Center:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWajHUEwwxM>

This year our students are asked to attend a 5-day, 4-night program at Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School. Just off highway 17 in the Santa Cruz redwoods, the program and setting will support a week of hands on experiences with the science standards. All 70 of our fifth graders and their teachers will have the opportunity to participate. The cost of this trip is approximately \$20,000 or \$300 per student. Through many fundraisers and the generosity of the PTO we have been able to raise this amount for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes for the past 16 years. Our confidential fundraising protocol allows for every student to attend regardless of any of our families' ability to contribute. High school counselors and chaperones are coordinated with San Leandro High to create an enriched learning experience for High School Students and Madison 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

To help us with planning this event, be sure to fill out the attached survey and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. *We will have a mandatory parent information meeting on September 13th from 7:30-8pm in the multipurpose room immediately following the classroom Back to School Night presentations.* The following 5<sup>th</sup> grade events will be discussed during our meeting.

- Outdoor Science Camp
- Spaghetti Dinner 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

Sincerely,

Garry Grotke	Principal
Thomas Parson	Teacher
Jenny Kubicki	Teacher
Danille Gallagher	Teacher