

REQUIRED FORMS PACKET

Dear Teachers,

You and your students are about to embark on a unique program taking you from the Santa Ana Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. During the two days spent at the Chaparral to Ocean Science School, you and your students will have the opportunity to explore up to six Southern California ecosystems: chaparral, oak woodland, riparian, intertidal, benthic, and pelagic.

As the program date nears, please review the administrative check list and program agreement for final preparations before your program.

In order to help you better prepare for your field trip, we have provided a Required Forms Package that include the following forms:

- Program Information Sheet (2 pages)
- Cabin Group List
- Hiking Group List
- T-Shirt Order Form
- Parent Information Packet
- Chaperone Information Packet

Please note that this packet contains forms that must be photocopied and distributed to your parents and chaperones. These forms must then be brought with you on the day of your program. Please make sure that you are familiar with the information and forms contained in all the packets, and that you collect all forms prior to boarding the bus for your field trip.

We look forward to working with your class! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding either the program, or the necessary paperwork and forms.

Sincerely,

Sara Ludovise
Outdoor Education Program Director
Ocean Institute

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Chaparral to Ocean Science School - 3 Day

Program Information Sheet

School: _____ **Program Date(s):** _____

Names of Teachers Attending: _____

Number of Participants: Students: _____ Adults: _____ Teachers: _____

Number of Cabins Needed: Boy Cabins: _____ Girl Cabins: _____
 (Max 10 people per cabin; must have at least one chaperone in each cabin)

Will you need separate accommodations for your teachers? _____

How is your luggage being transported? Bus Cars U-haul* Other _____

**We highly encourage the use a U-Haul for the transportation of luggage and are willing to assist you with the logistics and cost. Please contact the Program Director at (949) 496-2274 ext. 344 for details.*

Will your bus drive on the 1.5 mile dirt road to the Lazy W Ranch? _____

Will any individuals be picked up before the end of camp? If yes, explain: _____

Will your parent chaperones drive separately? _____ **If yes, how many?** _____

****Reminder!**** Please schedule your bus to pick you up 30 minutes prior to your departure time from the Ocean Institute.

Meal Selection: Your group will need to bring lunch on Day 1 of the program. All other meals will be provided at camp. Please indicate your choices for dinner on Day 1 and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Day 2 below. All breakfasts include cereal, milk, and juice. All dinners include a salad bar, milk, water, and dessert.

Breakfast (select one):

- Make-Your-Own Breakfast Burrito, Eggs, Potatoes, Salsa & Cheese, and Fresh Fruit
- Scrambled Eggs, Bagels, and Fresh Fruit
- Pancakes, Sausage, and Fresh Fruit
- French Toast, Bacon, and Fresh Fruit

Lunch (select one):

- Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, and Fruit
- Turkey Hot Dogs, Chips, and Fruit
- Turkey Sandwiches, Chips, and Fruit

Dinner (select two):

- Make-Your-Own Burritos, Beans, Rice, and Chips & Salsa
- Chicken Enchiladas, Beans, Rice, and Chips & Salsa
- Baked or BBQ Chicken (*Circle One*), Rice Pilaf, Steamed Vegetables, and Corn Bread
- Spaghetti or Lasagna (*Circle One*), Green Beans, and Garlic Bread
- Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, and Dinner Rolls
- Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, and Dinner Rolls
- Chicken Stir Fry and White Rice
- Chicken Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, and Steamed Vegetables

Please note that we need to receive your Program Information Sheet at least one month before your program date to ensure that the Lazy W kitchen is prepared for your meal selections. If the Program Information Sheet is not received at least one month in advance, different meals may be substituted as the kitchen staff cannot guarantee that they will be able to make your specific meal selections.

What is the grade level of the students and how much of the curriculum will they have covered by the program?
Explain: _____

Please circle which three of the five rotations you would like your students to explore:

Chaparral Riparian Riparian / Oak Woodland Oak Woodland Earth Science

Time of departure from school on the first day of the program: _____

Time of departure from Ocean Institute on the last day of the program: _____

Special Dietary Needs: The Lazy W Ranch can accommodate vegetarians and most allergies if notified in advance. Please help us prepare for your meals by completing a list of any dietary needs your students and chaperones may have. A list of our definitions is provided to prevent communication errors. Please use an additional page if necessary.

- Vegan: eats no animals or animal products. (Participant should bring additional food to supplement meals.)
- Vegetarian: eats no animals.
- Meat Restrictions: does not eat certain meat products. Please list restriction (pork, beef, chicken)
- Kosher: eats no meat products, cannot use same dishes that were used for meat. (Participant should bring additional food and necessary dishes to supplement meals.)
- Allergies: Please list EVERYTHING (including non-food items) to which a student or adult is allergic. Please be specific (for example, list whether a person is allergic to all nuts or just peanuts). Since the severity of allergies can vary, please use the scale of severity listed below. **Indicate severity by putting a number by the allergy listed.**
 1. Will have a small reaction, such as itchiness or hives.
 2. Will have a severe itchiness; requires medical attention.
 3. Will have trouble breathing.
 4. Will stop breathing immediately
 5. Will stop breathing immediately, even if someone else touched the item, and then touched their skin.

Name: _____ Restriction: _____

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Name: _____ Restriction: _____

Other Special Needs: Please help us make all students comfortable and better able to learn by letting us know prior to your program about any physical, mental, or emotional limitations that students may have. These may include casts, ADHD, wheelchairs, learning disabilities, hearing impairments, history of heat exhaustion, etc.

Name: _____ Restriction: _____

Name: _____ Restriction: _____

Name: _____ Restriction: _____

Name: _____ Restriction: _____

Name: _____ Restriction: _____

If you need more room for special dietary needs or other special needs, please list them on an additional sheet of paper.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND EMAIL TO rgomez@ocean-institute.org OR FAX TO (949) 496-4296 AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE YOUR PROGRAM DATE.

CABIN GROUPS

Use this worksheet to help make your cabin groups. There are fourteen cabins available for our use at the Lazy W Ranch. Each cabin can accommodate a total of ten people. Cabin groups consist of nine students (same gender) and one adult chaperone. You may have two chaperones and eight students in each cabin. Please do not bring more than two adults for each cabin on the field trip. Please bring at least one copy of this list with you on the first day of the program.

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HIKING GROUPS

Use this worksheet to prepare your hiking groups for your program at the Lazy W Ranch. Each activity groups should have up to 15 boys and girls. Bring at least one copy of the hiking group list with you on the first day of the program.

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C = Chaperone

Chaparral to Ocean Science School Group Order Form

Your students can take home more than just knowledge and memories! **Chaparral to Ocean Science School t-shirts** are available for both students and adults. This comfortable t-shirt features the Science School logo and is *only* available to participants who have completed the program.

Please combine all individual order forms from your school onto one group order form and fax it to (949) 496-4296. **Orders must be received by the Ocean Institute at least six weeks prior to the program date** to guarantee the requested sizes and a complete order.

Ask parents to make checks payable to *Chambers Gallery*. All checks must include a driver's license number and a telephone number, and can be dropped off at the *Chambers Gallery* Book and Gift Store on the day of your program or mailed in advance.

Feel free to contact the *Chambers Gallery* Manager at (949) 496-2274 with any questions.

School Name: _____

Lead Contact: _____

Program Date: _____ **Phone:** _____

Total Number of Shirts by Sizes:
(Adult Sizes Only)

Small: _____ (\$12.50)

Medium: _____ (\$12.50)

Large: _____ (\$12.50)

X- Large: _____ (\$12.50)

Total Number of Other Items:

Ocean Institute Water Bottle: _____ (\$15.00)

Ocean Institute Beanie: _____ (\$13.00)

All prices of taxable items include sales tax computed to the nearest mill.

Total Number of Shirts (_____) x \$12.50 per Shirt \$ _____

Total Number of Water Bottles (_____) x \$15.00 per Bottle \$ _____

Total Number of Beanies (_____) x \$13.00 per Beanie \$ _____

AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Please ask parents to make checks payable to *Chambers Gallery*. Checks must include a driver's license number and a telephone number.

**FAX YOUR GROUP ORDER TO:
(949) 496-4296**

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR TRIP

PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Parents,

Your student is about to embark on a unique program ranging from the Santa Ana Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. During the three days spent at the Chaparral to Ocean Science School, your child will have the opportunity to explore up to six Southern California ecosystems: chaparral, oak woodland, riparian, intertidal, benthic, and pelagic.

On this program, students will hike along Hot Springs Creek and up the Los Piños trail to explore the biotic and abiotic factors that make each ecosystem a “living system.” Students will identify plants, collect insects, study microhabitats, and determine how each element fits into a working system of living and non-living parts.

The Chaparral to Ocean Science School curriculum is aligned with the Science Content Standards for California Public Schools. Students will develop and exercise the scientific processes, including observing, communicating, inferring, interpreting data, identifying, and classifying.

In order to help you prepare your child for the upcoming journey, we have provided this Parent Information Package with following information and forms:

- Wildlife and Safety Precautions
- Student Clothing and Supply List
- Student Medical Form
- Administration of Medication Form
- Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver

Each child must arrive the first day with a completed Medical Form and an Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver Form. If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication, you must have the Administration of Medication form(s) completed by your doctor. The medication must be in the original container with clear instructions on both schedule and dosage.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s classroom teacher. We are looking forward to hosting your child on our program!

WILDLIFE AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The Lazy W Ranch is located in the Cleveland National Forest, which is a designated wilderness area. Animal residents of the area that make precautions necessary include mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes, rattlesnakes, scorpions, and bees. While encounters with these animals are rare, both adults and students must be aware of camp policies and procedures. Close supervision of students by the accompanying adults is essential, and strict adherence to the camp rules is necessary.

All teachers, chaperones, and students attending the Chaparral to Ocean Science School Program must read and understand the following wildlife and safety rules before their visit:

- All students must remain in close proximity of an instructor or chaperone. Close proximity shall be strictly defined as “visual contact.” Students are never to go anywhere alone. Students will be advised of the “visual contact” rule and the seriousness of compliance.
- Two adults will accompany each activity group. An Ocean Institute instructor will lead the group and a designated chaperone will follow.
- At least one chaperone will oversee the recreation area during the recreation periods. At least one chaperone will oversee the cabin and shower areas before and after dinner.
- Food (including gum and candy) is not allowed in the cabins or on the trails.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times (except for sleeping and showering). Students are required to wear long pants on trails.
- Littering is not tolerated.
- Students and chaperones must stay with their instructor on established trails. On winding and narrow trails the instructor will stop regularly to allow students to catch up. The distance between the instructor and the adult at the end shall not exceed 30 yards.
- Students should not touch any of the camp animals or pets, including the cats and dogs.
- The stream area is off limits unless accompanied by an instructor during an organized activity.
- Students must remain in their cabins from “lights out” until 7:00 AM, except for bathroom visits. Chaperones must accompany students on night bathroom visits.
- Instructors will carry walking sticks, air horns, and emergency first aid kits on hiking trails. In addition, all instructors are First Aid and CPR certified.
- Cabin raiding is not allowed.
- Students will report any injury or illness to an instructor or chaperone immediately.
- Students are expected to follow established classroom guidelines.

STUDENT CLOTHING AND SUPPLY LIST

Remember, pack as carefully as possible! You will have to carry your own belongings. Also, the weather can be unpredictable. Make sure that you are prepared for all kinds of weather. Everyone needs a rain jacket with a hat or a rain poncho. Expect to get dirty and wet! Mark all of your belongings with your name.

- 1 Lunch with a drink for the first day
- 1 Sleeping bag
- 1 Pair of pajamas
- 2 Pair of pants (no shorts, please)
- 1 Sweater or sweatshirt
- 1 Jacket
- 2 Shirts
- 2 Pair of underwear
- 2 Pair of tennis shoes with good tread (they will get muddy)
- 4 Pair of socks
- Towel and washcloth
- Toilet Kit: soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, etc.
- Rain gear: raincoat, poncho, or waterproof jacket
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Reusable Water Bottle, clearly marked with student's name
- Flashlight

Optional Items:

- Pillow
- Shower shoes
- Camera
- Book
- Hair dryer
- Mittens and stocking cap

Do Not Bring:

- Candy, food other than lunch, gum
- Knives
- Radios, personal listening devices, or electronic games
- Curling irons

STUDENT MEDICAL FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I/We, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the participant named below, wish to register my/our child in the Ocean Institute's _____ Program. Dates attending _____ to _____.

Participant's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ Birth date ____ / ____ / ____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In case of emergency, please notify: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number (____) _____ *Business Number (____) _____

*Employer _____ *Social Security Number _____

Alternate Person in case of emergency, please notify: _____ at (____) _____

Name/Phone number of Family Physician _____

Name/Number of family medical insurance carrier _____

* For Medical Insurance Claims only

PARTICIPANT HEALTH INFORMATION

1. Does the participant have any physical or medical conditions or restrictions? Yes ____ No ____

If so, please describe: _____

If your child has a special medical or physical condition, your physician should understand that the participant will be away from home for two full days. Please have your physician write a note indicating agreement that the participant is fit enough to fully participate in the program and to also include any special instructions.

2. Is your child subject to any of the following? Please circle:

Homesickness Sleepwalking Bed wetting (send extra bedding) Car/motion sickness

3. Does your child have any dietary requirements or restrictions? Yes ____ No ____

If so, please describe: _____

4. Does your child have any allergies that may be of concern? Yes ____ No ____

If so, please describe the severity: _____

5. Has the participant recently been ill or exposed to any communicable diseases? Yes ____ No ____

If so, please explain: _____

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION, PAGE 1

Name of Participant _____

Dates Attending _____

The nature of the program requires that all children participate in a variety of learning and social activities involving vigorous walking and hiking. Standardized, well-balanced meals are provided.

It is understood that the Ocean Institute is not legally obligated to administer medication to my/our child, and therefore, I/we agree to hold the Ocean Institute and its personnel free from any and all responsibility for the results of such medication, or the manner in which it is administered and to indemnify each of them against the loss of reason of any civil judgement arising out of these arrangements which may be rendered against them.

INSTRUCTIONS

No one is to administer medication to any child without authorization of the parent(s) or guardian(s). If you wish your child to receive medication you must fill out Part I: Prescription Medication and/or Part II: Non-Prescription Medication. These forms will be kept with the medication. **A parent/ guardian and physician's signature is required for each of these sections.**

Part I: Prescription Medication

MEDICATION 1

Diagnosis _____ Date of Examination _____

Medication Prescribed _____ Dosage _____

Schedule and Method of Administration _____

Comments _____

Physician's Signature _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____

MEDICATION 2

Diagnosis _____ Date of Examination _____

Medication Prescribed _____ Dosage _____

Schedule and Method of Administration _____

Comments _____

Physician's Signature _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION, PAGE 2

Name of Participant _____

Dates Attending _____

Part II: Non-Prescription Medication

MEDICATION 1

Medication _____ Dosage _____

Reason for Administration of Medication _____

Schedule and Method of Administration _____

Comments _____

Physician's Signature _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____

MEDICATION 2

Medication _____ Dosage _____

Reason for Administration of Medication _____

Schedule and Method of Administration _____

Comments _____

Physician's Signature _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____

MEDICATION 3

Medication _____ Dosage _____

Reason for Administration of Medication _____

Schedule and Method of Administration _____

Comments _____

Physician's Signature _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to the Ocean Institute! We want you and everyone to have a memorable and safe experience.

The Ocean Institute's environment, vessels, facilities, and activities are unique and different from your usual surroundings and activities. There are many inherent risks, dangers, and hazards and everyone must exercise caution at all times in order to avoid or minimize the risk of damage, injury, and death.

Examples of these risks, dangers, and hazards include, without limitation: (a) walking and standing surfaces that may be wet, slippery, moving, irregular, unstable, and rough; (b) open areas such as hatches into which someone could fall; (c) low or irregular lighting, or no lighting at all; (d) objects and equipment that could fall on someone; (e) low ceilings; (f) ropes, chains, and other items that could strike or entangle someone; (g) extreme and variable physical, weather, and ocean conditions, including darkness, sun glare, storms, and hot and cold temperatures; (h) vessels, docks, buildings, ladders, and stairs from which someone could fall; (i) vessels and docks that could pitch, roll, capsize, flood, collide, and sink; (j) gaps between a vessel and a dock that could open or close suddenly and unpredictably; (k) possible encounters with wildlife and plants; and (l) unavailability of medical attention and treatment.

If you attend and Ocean Institute activities, then you must exercise caution at all times to protect yourself and others from these risks, dangers, and hazards. If children or other persons under your care attend any Ocean Institute activities, then discuss these risks, dangers, and hazards with them as they too must exercise caution at all times.

Program Name:

Program Date:

Participant Name:

Last:

First:

Birth date:

Guardian Name:

Last:

First:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

If you attend any Ocean Institute activities, and/or if others under your care attend any Ocean Institute activities, then by checking the box below you, on behalf of yourself and such other persons, shall be deemed to have read and understood this document and to have irrevocably waived any and all claims against the Ocean Institute and its directors, officers, employees, contractors, volunteers, agents, and insurers for damage, injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of such activities.

Additionally, I authorize the use of photos taken of me and others under my care by the Ocean Institute for its promotional purposes.

As the Parent/Guardian, I have read and agree to the statements made on this document.

Today's Date:

Chaparral to Ocean Science School Individual Order Form

Take home more than just knowledge and memories! Souvenir **Chaparral to Ocean Science School t-shirts** are available for both students and adults. This comfortable t-shirt features the Science School logo and is *only* available to participants who have completed the program.

Please make checks payable to *Chambers Gallery*. All checks must include a driver's license number and a telephone number. Orders are due to your child's teacher at least six weeks before the program date.



School: _____

Teacher: _____

Student: _____

Mark the number of each item that you would like to order.

Chaparral to Ocean Science School T-Shirts: (Adult Sizes Only)	Other Items:
Small: _____ (\$12.50)	Ocean Institute Water Bottle: _____ (\$15.00)
Medium: _____ (\$12.50)	Ocean Institute Beanie: _____ (\$13.00)
Large: _____ (\$12.50)	
X- Large: _____ (\$12.50)	

All prices of taxable items include sales tax computed to the nearest mill.

AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

PAYING BY: _____ Cash _____ Check

Please make checks payable to *Chambers Gallery*. Checks must include a driver's license number and a telephone number.

**Please return order forms to _____
by _____.**

CHAPERONE INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Chaperones,

Welcome! Thank you for your help in making this program a success. We recognize and appreciate the personal commitment that you have made. This brief introduction will help you prepare for this unique and challenging educational experience. In addition to this introduction, the onsite program administrator will meet with you at the beginning of your program to answer any questions that you might have.

Please accept our thanks for contributing to the success of your students' educational program. We recognize and appreciate the personal commitment you have made, and we plan to make this educational experience rewarding for you. Please take some time to prepare yourself before attending the Chaparral to Ocean Science School program.

This residential science program offers students a rigorous outdoor environmental education experience that supports their regular classroom science program. The curriculum is designed to immerse students in six different ecological communities — chaparral, riparian, oak woodland, intertidal, benthic, and pelagic—allowing them to compare and contrast each ecosystem. Our intent is to ignite a lifelong interest in both nature and science. All of our instructors are college-trained biologists and social scientists implementing innovative field teaching techniques and activities.

ROLE OF CHAPERONES

Chaperones assist both the students and the staff with the operation of the Chaparral to Ocean Science School program. We ask you, as chaperones at the Chaparral to Ocean Science School, to fill three roles.

- **SUPERVISOR:** As chaperones, you are asked to monitor students on the trails, in the cabins, and in the recreation areas. While chaperones are supervising students, the “visual contact” rule shall be strictly enforced. The students for whom the chaperone is responsible must be within the chaperone's view. For example, at recreation time, the chaperone will oversee her/his own cabin group either in the cabin or in the recreation area.
- **ROLE MODEL:** Chaperones are asked to serve as role models for the students. We have found that the students' experience is influenced greatly by positive adult role models. Please follow the same rules and guidelines as the students.
- **PARTICIPANT:** Chaperones get to have fun, too! You will hike alongside the students and spend time with them on the playground and in the cabins. We hope that you, as well as the students, learn something from your experience with us. We encourage chaperones to find quiet moments to ask questions and become engaged with the information and activities.

We truly appreciate all of your help. You have a strong influence on the students' success and enjoyment during the Chaparral to Ocean Science School Program. We could not run this program without your support and participation.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AT THE LAZY W RANCH

The Lazy W Ranch is located in the heart of the Cleveland National Forest. Safety is always our primary concern at the Lazy W Ranch. All of the Ocean Institute instructors are certified in First Aid and CPR. Upon arrival at the Lazy W Ranch, the program administrator will instruct the group in the proper safety procedures.

WILDLIFE

The Cleveland National Forest is a wilderness area and wildlife abounds. Animal residents of the area that necessitate precautions include mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes, rattlesnakes, scorpions, ticks, and bees. These animals may travel near, or through, the camp. While encounters with these animals are rare, both adults and students must be aware of Ocean Institute policies and procedures to ensure the safety of all. Close supervision of students by the accompanying adults is essential and strict adherence to the Chaparral to Ocean Science School rules is necessary.

VISUAL CONTACT

The Visual Contact rule has been implemented at the Chaparral to Ocean Science School program to ensure the safety of the students. This rule stipulates that students must be within view of an adult any time they are outside of a building. Students must be accompanied by their cabin chaperones to and from the recreation/meeting area, cabin area, dining hall, and restrooms. The Visual Contact rule will be strictly enforced throughout the campers' stay at the Lazy W Ranch.

SUPERVISION ON THE TRAIL

Classroom teachers assign a chaperone to each activity group. While on the trails, chaperones assist Ocean Institute instructors in a variety of ways. First, chaperones assist the instructor in enforcing the Visual Contact rule. Students must always be within view of the adults in the group. Chaperones are always the last person in an activity group and make sure that the distance from the instructor to the last student never exceeds 30 yards. In case of a student illness, injury, or restroom need, the chaperone may be asked to escort the student back to camp. In addition, chaperones help the instructor maintain behavioral standards during the hikes and will assist with disciplinary procedures.

SUPERVISION DURING RECREATION AND SHOWER TIME

Chaperones supervise their cabin group during assigned recreation and shower times. During this time, chaperones strictly enforce the Visual Contact rule. Chaperones accompany their cabin group to the restroom during their assigned shower time and to the recreation area. In order to accommodate a large number of students in a short period of time in the showers, students are asked to spend not more than three minutes in the shower. At the recreation area, chaperones watch students to make sure they are using recreation equipment properly and safely. Chaperones will also promote positive behavior. The stream area is off limits during recreation times.

SUPERVISION IN THE DINING HALL

Chaperones are responsible for maintaining order and promoting the positive behavior of students at their assigned table during meals. The staff reviews dining hall expectations with the students before the first meal. The use of good manners and quiet voices is essential for a pleasant dining hall experience. Generally, the dining hall groups are not the same as cabin and activity groups. Parents may not be able to sit with their own child during the meal. Finally, chaperones assist students in the post-meal clean-up procedure. Each student will have a separate cleaning responsibility at the table.

SUPERVISION IN THE CABINS

Chaperones are responsible for maintaining order in the cabins. Chaperones should expect students to behave appropriately during cabin time. Classroom teachers and staff are available to assist with any management problems that arise. Your cabin group will move from place to place in camp as a group and with their chaperone in view at all times. Students will never go anywhere alone—this includes returning to the cabin or meeting area to collect items that have been left behind. At night, chaperones remain with students in the cabin from "Lights Out" until breakfast (with the exception of attending to personal needs or during an emergency situation when help from staff or classroom teacher is necessary). Further, chaperones may be asked to remain in the cabin with a student in the event of a medical or behavioral problem. No student shall ever be left alone in a cabin. Finally, chaperones will not allow students outside a cabin after "Lights Out" unless it is on a visit to the restroom or an emergency situation deems it necessary.

Cabin raids and after hours night hikes are strictly forbidden due to safety considerations.

WILDLIFE AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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All teachers, chaperones, and students attending the Chaparral to Ocean Science School Program must read and understand the following wildlife and safety rules before their visit:

- All students must remain in close proximity of an instructor or chaperone. Close proximity shall be strictly defined as “visual contact.” Students are never to go anywhere alone. Students will be advised of the “visual contact” rule and the seriousness of compliance.
- Two adults will accompany each activity group. An Ocean Institute instructor will lead the group and a designated chaperone will follow.
- At least one chaperone will oversee the recreation area during the recreation periods. At least one chaperone will oversee the cabin and shower areas before and after dinner.
- Food (including gum and candy) is not allowed in the cabins or on the trails.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times (except for sleeping and showering). Students are required to wear long pants on trails.
- Littering is not tolerated.
- Students and chaperones must stay with their instructor on established trails. On winding and narrow trails the instructor will stop regularly to allow students to catch up. The distance between the instructor and the adult at the end shall not exceed 30 yards.
- Students should not touch any of the camp animals or pets, including the cats and dogs.
- The stream area is off limits unless accompanied by an instructor during an organized activity.
- Students must remain in their cabins from “lights out” until 7:00 AM, except for bathroom visits. Chaperones must accompany students on night bathroom visits.
- Instructors will carry walking sticks, air horns, and emergency first aid kits on hiking trails. In addition, all instructors are First Aid and CPR certified.
- Cabin raiding is not allowed.
- Students will report any injury or illness to an instructor or chaperone immediately.
- Students are expected to follow established classroom guidelines.

Upon arrival at the program, the on-site administrator will review these rules and guidelines with the students and chaperones. If there are discipline or safety concerns during the program, the on-site administrator will work with the teachers to resolve issues appropriately following the school’s normal procedures.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are my responsibilities as a chaperone?

The most important responsibility of the chaperone is to ensure the safety of the students. Chaperones are also responsible for overseeing a group of students during the times between activities, at meals, in the cabin, and in the dining hall. In addition, chaperones are responsible for accompanying an activity group on the trails during activities with an Ocean Institute instructor.

Will I get any sleep?

The answer to this question varies from person to person. In order to at least be sure that the students get some sleep, and to assist you at the same time, enforce the Lights Out policy. Generally, Lights Out is set for between 9:30 and 9:45 PM. A strategy that works well is to turn off the lights at that time, and then let the children talk quietly until about 10:00 PM. After that, they should plan on settling down for some much-needed sleep. Also effective is to have the students play word games or tell stories as they are settling down for the night. In addition, we have several books and games available for quiet time in the cabins. Finally, encourage the students not to disturb others if they wake up early.

What can I do with the students during recreation and rest time?

We encourage you and your cabin group to spend the recreation time outdoors in the recreation area (weather permitting). The recreation area has a volleyball net, ping pong tables, a basketball court, and playground equipment. In addition, a variety of balls and other equipment are available for the children's use. Word and card games are also suggested.

How do I establish a rapport with nine students I may not know?

When students arrive at the Lazy W Ranch, they will have about one-half hour to organize their belongings in their cabin and prepare for their hikes. Take time to learn the students' names and perhaps their hobbies, then review the Ocean Institute behavioral and safety guidelines, and explain your personal expectations of them.

What are my options for handling an uncooperative student?

The discipline policy is outlined for the students at school and when they arrive at the Lazy W Ranch. In addition, the students will know the rules and the guidelines of the program. Take time to review the guidelines with your cabin group, and expect that they follow these rules and guidelines. Let the students know that you, just as the teachers and the Ocean Institute staff, will implement the "warning system." Please let the teachers and director know if you need assistance with students and discipline/safety issues.

Can I make phone calls from the Lazy W Ranch?

Cell phones and pagers generally do not work at the Lazy W Ranch. We do have a landline that is available in case of an emergency. If you need to make a phone call while at the Lazy W, please let the program administrator know and s/he will direct you to the phone line.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- The Lazy W Ranch is located in an area of high fire danger. As a result, smoking is not allowed at the Lazy W Ranch.
- The Lazy W Ranch provides our adult chaperones, teachers, and staff with coffee and hot water in the dining hall. Only the adults are allowed to make use of this amenity.
- Cellular phones and pagers do not operate in our canyon. There is a landline available in our Nature Center for any phone calls that must be made.
- On the trails, students are required to wear long pants. Adults may wear shorts if desired (please be aware that there is poison oak as well as other hazards in the area).
- The Lazy W Ranch can accommodate some dietary needs (e.g. vegetarian or no pork) if notified in advance. Please contact your classroom teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the trip if you have such a need. The Lazy W Ranch cannot accommodate such needs as low-fat or low-sodium diets. Those with special diets or food allergies will need to bring along suitable food substitutions.
- Each of the cabins at the Lazy W Ranch is equipped with a heater and electrical outlets. Chaperones should bring an alarm clock, watch, and flashlight.

ADULT CLOTHING AND SUPPLY LIST

Pack as carefully as possible! Remember, the weather can be unpredictable. Make sure that you are prepared for all kinds of weather. Everyone needs a rain jacket with a hat or a rain poncho. You will also be getting dirty and wet.

- 1 Lunch with a drink for the first day
- 1 Sleeping bag
- 1 Pair of pajamas
- 2 Pair of pants
- 1 Sweater or sweatshirt
- 1 Jacket
- 2 Shirts
- 2 Pair of underwear
- 1 Pair of tennis shoes with good tread (they will get muddy)
- 3 Pair of socks
- Towel and washcloth
- Toilet Kit: soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, etc.
- Rain gear: raincoat, poncho, or waterproof jacket
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Water Bottle
- Watch and Alarm Clock
- Flashlight

Optional Items:

- Pillow
- Shower shoes
- Camera
- Book
- Hair dryer
- Mittens and stocking cap
- Shorts

Do Not Bring:

- Candy, food other than lunch, gum
- Knives
- Radios, personal listening devices, or electronic games
- Curling irons

ADULT MEDICAL FORM

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone Number (____) ____ - _____

Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____

Closest Relative (to notify in the event of an emergency)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone Number (____) ____ - _____

Work Telephone Number (____) ____ - _____

Additional Emergency Contact

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone Number (____) ____ - _____

Work Telephone Number (____) ____ - _____

Insurance Information

Medical Insurance Group Name and Number _____

Additional Information

Do you have any physical or medical conditions or restrictions?

If yes, please explain _____

Do you have any allergies? Please specify _____

Do you regularly take any prescription medications? Please specify _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to the Ocean Institute! We want you and everyone to have a memorable and safe experience.

The Ocean Institute's environment, vessels, facilities, and activities are unique and different from your usual surroundings and activities. There are many inherent risks, dangers, and hazards and everyone must exercise caution at all times in order to avoid or minimize the risk of damage, injury, and death.

Examples of these risks, dangers, and hazards include, without limitation: (a) walking and standing surfaces that may be wet, slippery, moving, irregular, unstable, and rough; (b) open areas such as hatches into which someone could fall; (c) low or irregular lighting, or no lighting at all; (d) objects and equipment that could fall on someone; (e) low ceilings; (f) ropes, chains, and other items that could strike or entangle someone; (g) extreme and variable physical, weather, and ocean conditions, including darkness, sun glare, storms, and hot and cold temperatures; (h) vessels, docks, buildings, ladders, and stairs from which someone could fall; (i) vessels and docks that could pitch, roll, capsize, flood, collide, and sink; (j) gaps between a vessel and a dock that could open or close suddenly and unpredictably; (k) possible encounters with wildlife and plants; and (l) unavailability of medical attention and treatment.

If you attend and Ocean Institute activities, then you must exercise caution at all times to protect yourself and others from these risks, dangers, and hazards. If children or other persons under your care attend any Ocean Institute activities, then discuss these risks, dangers, and hazards with them as they too must exercise caution at all times.

Program Name:

Program Date:

Participant Name:

Last:

First:

Birth date:

Guardian Name:

Last:

First:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

If you attend any Ocean Institute activities, and/or if others under your care attend any Ocean Institute activities, then by checking the box below you, on behalf of yourself and such other persons, shall be deemed to have read and understood this document and to have irrevocably waived any and all claims against the Ocean Institute and its directors, officers, employees, contractors, volunteers, agents, and insurers for damage, injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of such activities.

Additionally, I authorize the use of photos taken of me and others under my care by the Ocean Institute for its promotional purposes.

As the Parent/Guardian, I have read and agree to the statements made on this document.

Today's Date: