



Welcome to Wonder Valley!

Teachers and chaperones are an important part of the Outdoor Education experience at Wonder Valley. Along with our trained instructors, you help ensure a positive learning experience for your students. You are encouraged to attend classes, participate on the ropes course and of course take photos. While student experience is priority, we know that this is a great time for you to bond with your students through shared experience.

Preparing for the Trip

- > Use the Teacher Checklist to help you plan and prepare for your trip.
- > Class Interest Survey, Health Forms, and Cabin Lists must be received by Wonder Valley Outdoor Education at least one month prior to arrival to create the school rotation schedule. Cabin lists need to be gender specific. Please make sure that all forms are filled out completely. Health Forms must be received by mail or dropped off on site.
- > Activity groups are coed with 16 students per group. If you have any questions regarding cabin and activity groups, please contact Wonder Valley at

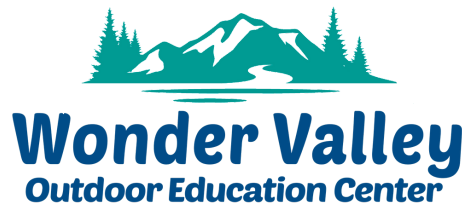
Arrival/Departure Procedures

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES Expected arrival time at Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center is between 10:00am and 11:00am. On departure day, the buses need to arrive to our property no later than 9:00am and no earlier than 8:00am to allow for time to load up student's luggage before departing.

ARRIVAL DAY On arrival day, please call Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center at (559) 787-2551 when your buses leave school campus so we will have an estimated arrival time and our staff will be available to greet the buses. Please inform us of any last-minute changes in student count.

ORIENTATION MEETING Upon arrival, student and chaperones will attend an orientation meeting. During this meeting, a member of our staff will review your weekly schedule, highlight the expectations and policies that of both chaperones and students, ask about any pertinent information that was not provided during the pre-trip planning and answer any questions that you might have. This is a good time to inform us of any student behavioral or learning needs.

DEPARTURE DAY Encourage students to clean cabins and pack, bringing their luggage to breakfast with them. Once breakfast has finished and students have bused their tables, please start loading the buses.

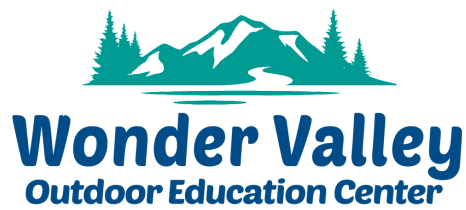


Presence on Site

TEACHER PRESCENCE At least one school representative must be on Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center property at all times. If you leave the property, please inform our Outdoor Education Director or a Manager and leave a cell phone number in case we need to get in touch with you. Teachers need to be available 24 hours a day for student emergencies.

PARENT PRESCENCE Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center prohibits parent visitations during the outdoor education experience. We find that it takes away from the autonomous experience of the students while attending outdoor classes. We make rare exceptions to this policy for medical necessity, if the school makes a written request via email at least two weeks prior to arrival.

Please ensure parents are aware of this policy. Please also ensure parents know that we do not allow students to have cell phones, and that phone calls are for emergency situations only. If a child needs to be picked up early or dropped off late we need to know this information before the school arrives



Suggested Teacher Packing List

We recommend against bringing clothing that requires special care such as dry-cleaning, handwashing or ironing. We also suggest marking all items with a name tag or indelible ink.

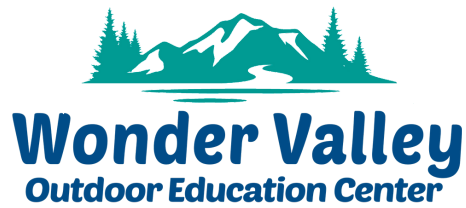
Recommended Packing List

- 4 pairs of underwear
- 4 pairs of socks (extra socks in the winter months)
- 3 – 4 pairs of long pants, jeans, or sweats
- 2 pairs of sturdy walking shoes (boots are appropriate for hiking trails)
- 5 comfortable day shirts
- 4 long sleeve shirts
- 2 sweatshirts or fleeces Jackets for all conditions
- 1 set of pajamas
- Hat, gloves, and scarf (to be used weather dependent in any season)
- Set of toiletries including lip balm
- Water bottle or camelback
- Day pack/Backpack
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses or ball cap
- Camera
- Flashlight
- Travel mug for hot beverages

Wonder Valley Provides:

Accommodations and bedding are provided for teachers. Teachers rooms are separate from student and chaperone rooms unless teachers are included in the chaperone count.

Please Note: From October – April there is a STRONG possibility of inclement weather conditions. Please pack appropriate clothing (ex: winter coat for the freezing rain, extra pair of wool socks, thermals, heavy waterproof shoes/boots, etc.)



What to Expect at Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center

The Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center experience is great not only for students, but also for teachers. Our program is highly unique in that your school has the opportunity to select your own classes while here. We offer a robust list of classes (daytime and nighttime) for you to choose a specific curriculum to curate your students experience and provide standards based learning while visiting our center. Our classes are divided into 3 main learning areas: Outdoor Skills, Science and Teambuilding/Leadership. Nighttime activity options are meant for community building and enrichment. During your visit, our staff will be directly responsible for the instruction of your students. As a visiting teacher you have the opportunity to participate in learning with your students, connecting with them during free time, and engaging in activities that will help them develop confidence by stepping out of their comfort zone. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your students outside the classroom.

Our program has been specifically designed to allow you, the visiting teacher, to participate alongside your students, observe them in an outdoor classroom environment and watch them expand their comfort zones. We highly encourage you to visit and participate in as many classes and activities as you can if you are not assigned as a team chaperone. Please feel free to bring extra food and beverages if you desire, though meals are provided. If you have any questions about what to expect at Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center, please do not hesitate to call (559) 787-2551 and you will be connected to the appropriate person.