

Frequently Asked Questions

What are cabins like?

All of our accommodations feature heating and air conditioning, carpeting, spacious closets, and comfortable mattresses. Many of our rooms have a private bathroom and shower inside. Our modern dormitory building has community bathrooms with floor-to-ceiling private bathrooms and shower stalls.

What will my student be learning about?

Our classes include a wide range of engaging courses, including science, outdoor education, adventure recreation, team building, and leadership.

How long has Wonder Valley been in business?

Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center was founded in 1995 by the Oken family, who have more than 150 years of combined experience as educators and coaches. The Oken family has been running youth programs since 1967, when they opened River Way Ranch Camp, an accredited, award-winning Summer Camp program, and continues to provide enriching experiences for students year-round.

What is the weather like?

At an elevation of 662 feet, Wonder Valley often has beautiful weather, with plenty of sunshine-filled days. Although we are below the snow line and do not typically see snow, Wonder Valley can experience rain and cold weather from October through March. Please check forecasts for Sanger, CA (93657) the week before departure and pack accordingly. Staying warm and dry helps students have the best experience.

Will chaperones be in the cabin with my student?

Yes, we require that each cabin has at least one school-provided chaperone residing in the cabin with the students.

How are meals served?

We offer a buffet with plenty of options so students will not go hungry! We also offer a full salad bar with a variety of fresh toppings, and both vegetarian and meat options. Parents are often worried about their picky eaters, and we understand. Having a buffet of nutritious, kid-friendly food often helps our students find something they like.

What if my student has special dietary needs/food allergies?

We are happy to adjust our menu offerings for your students' needs. We can likely accommodate specific allergies, food restrictions, vegan diets, and more. Should your student have any dietary needs or food allergies, we request that families indicate this by completing your student's required health form. Should you have any specific questions or needs, you may also contact your student's school and our office team.

How are cabins assigned? Will my student be with their friend?

Cabins are assigned by the school; we advise communicating with your student's school regarding any special housing requests.

What type of items are sold at our pop-up gift shop?

Students will have the opportunity to shop at our pop-up gift store during their snack break. Available items include souvenir water bottles, drawstring bags, keychains, stickers, STEM toys, and more! Prices range from \$2 to \$15.