

11th Grade Fieldwork - North Lake Tahoe

Tuesday, October 1st to Thursday, October 3rd

Overview:

The 11th grade will participate in academic and adventure fieldwork in the North Lake Tahoe area over a two-night/three-day period. Students will engage with governmental, private and nonprofit entities to explore how they use their voice to advocate for outcomes that are meaningful to them and their communities. We will be camping at a U.S. Forest Service campground and will be using the Tahoe Area Regional Transit system to travel throughout the area.



Dropoff:

Students need to be on time to school on Tuesday, Oct 1st as we will be leaving shortly thereafter. If you have an emergency and may be late, you must call SAEL at 530-268-2200 that morning ASAP or risk being left behind.

Pick-up:

Students will return to SAEL on Thursday, Oct 3rd in time for dismissal at 4:30 PM.

Accommodations:

Students and staff will be camping at Granite Flat Campground is located at 8900 River Rd, Truckee, CA



Transportation:

Transportation to and from SAEL will be provided by school bus. Once in the Tahoe area students will use public transportation provided by the Tahoe Area Regional Transit. Students will also walk to and from destinations.

Food:

Students need to provide their own food for the duration of this experience. Time will be provided during school to help support the creation of food groups and menus. SAEL will provide stoves, fuel, pots, pans, and basic cooking equipment. If a student can not provide food please reach out and SAEL will provide them with food.

Adventure Gear & Clothing:

Students can bring their own adventure equipment (tents, sleeping bag, pad...etc) if they have it. Class time will be devoted to reviewing gear and requesting any needed items from SAEL.

Students can be provided with the following equipment if they do not have their own:

- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping pads
- Tents
- Large bag

Personal Items Required:

Students should bring a small day-pack to carry water and food for our daily activities. Space will be tight on the bus, please consider this when packing.

- Day pack
- Long pants
- Shorts and t-shirts
- Warm layer/jacket
- Rain jacket
- Comfortable shoes for walking in
- Socks
- Toiletries
- Bowl, plate, spoon, fork, cup
- Water bottle
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Notepad, journal, pen/pencil
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Pillow
- A set of clothing suitable for working in the dirt outside

Medication:

All medication must be detailed on the Extended Medical Form AND on the Medication Required During School Hours Form. These forms must be fully filled out and on file in the SAEL Main Office in advance of fieldwork. Students should check in their meds with Mr. Young on the morning of the trip to ensure our records match the bottle dosage, prescription, and correct medication type. ANY medication, prescription or over the counter, requires an official doctor's note or prescription to be on file in the main office for it to be allowed with us on fieldwork.

Sleeping:

Students will be sleeping in tents in small groups in order to ensure the entire group is visible at all times. Students will also be separated by gender; this means students of different genders will not share tents and will not be allowed into each other's tents at any time. SAEL staff will support the experience to ensure everyone is properly monitored. If families have questions, concerns, or would like to discuss gender identity and how this plays a role in the field, please reach out to Mr. Young directly, if you have not already.

Personnel:

Mr. Young will be the Field Director. He will organize and coordinate this experience. Mr. Young is Wilderness First Responder certified, this means they are First Aid, CPR, and AED certified. Ms. Crane will be the main point of contact back at SAEL. She will keep her phone on at all times in order to receive updates from Mr. Young's regular cell phone or the SAEL Satellite Phone, if needed.

Families will also be able to contact her in emergency situations. SAEL personnel in the field and students in the field will not be focusing on updating parents back at home. They will be immersed in the experience and will therefore not be reaching out with updates home unless there is an emergency.

Parent/Guardian Contact:

We ask that families do not visit students during this fieldwork. This is a school program that is intended to support student growth and achievement. It is essential that students are allowed to be fully immersed in the experience. Please do not intend on seeing or speaking with your child during this experience, unless it is an emergency in which case you should contact Ms. Crane. NO REGULAR CONTACT WILL BE MADE TO HOME UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY. Please also do not expect regular updates from any personnel in the field or Ms. Crane as the experience develops unless it is an emergency. There may be some positive social media posts with pictures, but these are not intended to be official updates for families that are coming at any regular interval. Please reach out to Ms. Crane if you have questions or concerns about this policy.

What Not To Take:

- Knives
- Matches/lighters, fire starting equipment
- Portable Bluetooth speakers
- All banned/illegal/controlled substances or anything outlined as inappropriate for school in our SAEL Student and Family Handbook and/or Ed Code. All school rules apply in the field as it is school.
- Electronics
 - Chromebooks or other school electronic devices are not NECESSARY on this trip. SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THIS FIELDWORK.

SAEL accepts no responsibility for lost or damaged electronics/gear.

Phone Coverage and Safety:

Cell phone coverage is not guaranteed. We do not want students or parents to depend on daily check-ins. Pictures may be posted on Facebook and the website, but daily calls will not be made home. We want students to be working and focused on being immersed in the experience and in nature. If a parent needs to contact a student for an emergency, please call Principal Erica Crane (at SAEL during regular school hours or on her cell phone after hours). If there is any issue in the field, Mr. Young will contact Ms. Crane and she will contact families.

Contact Information:

- Principal Erica Crane's Cell Phone: 203-725-8875 (for emergencies only after school hours).