



Coloma Outdoor Discovery School Information

The RUSH is on!

This excellent educational opportunity is offered to *all* of our 4th grade families each year to support students understanding of the history of the State of California, a critical learning standard. There is absolutely nothing like an old-fashioned hands-on constructivist approach to learning about our State's history!

"The Coloma Outdoor Discovery School's Gold Rush program is designed for fourth graders, and is correlated with the California Content Standards. Our intention is to celebrate the culture, music, and folklore of the California Gold Rush while using lessons of the past to awaken students' interest and sense of responsibility for the environment. At CODS, students live the Gold Rush: stories, songs, skits, and characterizations all help to convey the social and economic community of early Coloma. Students will walk in the footsteps of the 49ers and experience some of the challenges of surviving away from home..."

When is this 4th grade educational opportunity taking place for my child?

Next year's 4th grade Coloma Outdoor Discovery Adventure, 2016, is scheduled for November 16th – 18th, Wednesday – Friday.

What is the cost of this program and how do the payments work?

The total cost for attending this program is **\$300.00** per child. An initial deposit of \$150 is due Friday, May 27th, 2016, with the 2nd payment of \$150 due Friday, September 2nd. Please make checks out to 'MESHSA' with child's name in the note section. We also offer PayPal as a payment option and will notify all parents when it is active.

Who is collecting money for this program?

Send *all* checks to the front office please. Our MESHSA treasurer will be coordinating all payments.

Will there be an informational meeting to ask questions about this event?

Yes! On **Wednesday, September 7th, 2016** at 7:00-7:20pm in the MPR (Back to School Night), our 4th grade team will hold an informational meeting. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise questions regarding lodging, activities, time, chaperones, overnight information, transportation, medication, safety, parent support, communication, etc.

***Please complete the bottom of this form and return it to the front office
By Friday, May 27th***

Student's name: _____ Teacher: _____

Please check one:

- My child will **not** be attending Coloma Outdoor Discovery School.
- I will provide the lump sum of \$300 now. (*Check or cash enclosed*)
- I will provide **partial payment of \$150 by Friday, May 27th & remaining payment of \$150 by Friday, September 2nd.**
- I am providing an additional amount of _____ for financial assistance for other students. (Note this donation is tax deductible and our office is able to provide documentation for you.)
- Financial assistance is needed. (*Please submit a written request to Mr. Anderson. This request is mandatory for financial assistance and must be submitted no later than May 27th to be considered.*)

Parent Signature: _____