

VALLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Experiential Learning Program
Overnight trips planned for 2021-22



Sacramento

The 4th grade trip to Sacramento is the culmination of the study of California history. The trip begins with a flight from Ontario Airport to Sacramento Airport. Students then camp for two nights on the banks of the American River, where they pan for gold and interact with actors portraying Pioneers, Native Americans, Mountain Men, and Tinsmiths. Students go on to explore Marshall Gold Discovery Park where they participate in an historical reenactment, before going to Placerville where they learn how a Stamp Mill works and explore an old hard-rock mine. Later, students spend time in Old Town Sacramento where they visit a school from circa 1850 and the Train Museum. This leg of the trip also includes a visit to Sutter's Fort, the State Capitol building and its gardens, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The third night is spent in a hotel before traveling to San Francisco for the last day where students ride on a cable car, tour the Cable Car Museum, and visit Alcatraz Island, before returning to Ontario Airport.

- **Grade level:** This trip is traditionally for 4th graders only. However, the trip has been cancelled for the past two years due to the pandemic. Accordingly, this trip will be open to **4th, 5th and 6th graders in 2022.**
- **Dates:** May 2-5, 2022
- **Can parents attend?** Yes
- **Cost:** approx. \$1500
- **How to pay:** thru the vendor's website (<https://worldstrides.com/custom/valley-preparatory-school-195281/>)
- **Refundable?** As per the terms outlined by the vendor
- **For more information contact:** Mrs. Hidey (lhidey@vpredlands.org)

Pali Outdoor Adventure Camp (Running Springs)

Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the Pali Institute allows students the thrill of seeing, touching, and learning about the environment and our impact on the world. Students spend three nights in safe, clean cabins and enjoy various outdoor activities (including a ropes course) designed to both educate and inspire. The camp's experienced instructors are with the students 24hrs/day. All meals are provided in the camp's cafeteria, and Valley Prep teachers are also onsite to provide additional supervision and support. More info: <https://www.paliinstitute.com/>

- **Grade level:** This trip is traditionally for 5th graders only. However, the overnight trip was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. Accordingly, this trip will be open to **5th & 6th graders in 2022.**
- **Date:** February 28 to March 4, 2022
- **Can parents attend?** No (students and teachers only)
- **Cost:** \$525 per student
- **Click here to register & pay:** <https://permission.click/6yQep/us>
- **Deadline to pay:** October 1
- **Refundable?** Yes, before December 1
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org)

Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) @ Fox Landing

Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) is an outdoor science school, providing an exciting outdoor education experience for students. During the three-day program, students and teachers enjoy a variety of experiential science labs and adventure activities in Marine Science and Island Ecology. Students stay for two nights in safe, clean cabins and take all meals in the camp's cafeteria. Transportation to/from the school is via bus and ferry. For more info: <https://cimioutdoored.org/>

- **Grade level:** **6-8th grades**
- **Dates:** April 13-15, 2022
- **Can parents attend?** No (students and teachers only)
- **Cost:** \$425
- **Click here to register & pay:** <https://permission.click/PAM7g/us>
- **Deadline to pay:** November 1
- **Refundable?** Yes, before January 1
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org)

Washington DC

After traveling from LAX to a Washington DC area airport, students check-in to their hotel (single, double, or triple rooms are available). Over the next four nights and five days, students travel by motorcoach to visit the following locations: Washington Monument, National Archives, Ford Theatre, FDR Memorial, MLK Memorial, WWII Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial, National Museum of African American History, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, US Navy Museum, Mt. Vernon Estate, and the Smithsonian Museums on the Mall. All meals are included. In addition to various tour guides, Mr. Schutz remains with the students throughout the trip.

- **Grade level:** 8th grade only
- **Dates:** April 4-8
- **Can parents attend?** Yes
- **Cost:** starting at \$2565 (Deposit of \$200pp is due September 23)
- **How to pay:** thru the vendor's website (<https://hemispheretravel.com/>)
- **Deadline to pay:** Three deposits (9/23, 11/4, and 12/16) plus final payment before 2/23
- **Refundable?** As per the terms outlined by the vendor
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org) or Mr. Schutz (dschutz@vpredlands.org)
- **How to register & pay:**
 1. VISIT www.hemispheretravel.com
 2. Click on the Account Login button at the top of our home page
 3. Click here to register or make a payment for a tour
 4. First time users click on the 'First time users click here' link OR enter your login information if you have previously set up an online account
 5. Enter your Web Code - 22TA15506
 6. Proceed to enter the requested information
 7. Once information is completed, you will receive a confirmation email that will provide a link for you to fill out the Permission for Medical Treatment form online
 8. You may log into your account by using your email and password to make future payments.

Europe (Madrid, Paris, Rome)

After traveling from LAX to Madrid, students spend the first three days of the 11-day tour in Madrid, visiting such landmarks as Plaza de Espana, Cibeles Fountain, Puerta de Alcalá, and the royal palace. On the fourth day, students fly to Paris where they visit such sites as: Notre Dame Cathedral, Latin Quarter, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, and the Eiffel Tower, in addition to a Seine River Cruise and a drawing class in Montmartre. On Day-6, students take an overnight train to Rome where they will visit such sites as: Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Colosseum, Piazza Venezia, and the Roman Forum. The trip ends on day-11 with a flight from Rome to LAX. In addition to various tour guides, Valley Prep teachers remain with the students at all times.

- **Grade level:** 5-8th grades
- **Dates:** June 13-23
- **Can parents attend?** Yes
- **Cost:** \$5,210
- **To learn more and to pay:** www.explorica.com/Black-3774 (choose "participate view")
- **Refundable?** As per the terms outlined by the vendor
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org) or Mrs. Gonzalez (agonzalez@vpredlands.org)

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