



Aldo Leopold High School

Live. Learn. Kayak the Bay.

March 18, 2019

Dear Parents of ALCS Juniors:

We are pleased to announce that the junior class will be travelling to San Diego for the 10th Annual Marine Biology field trip March 31st – April 4th. We will depart ALCS on Sunday, March 31, at 5:00 a.m. & return by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday April 4. Trip highlights will include a visit to the Scripps Oceanographic Institute for a behind-the-scenes look at their world-famous laboratories, a visit to UC San Diego, a trolley and light rail trip to the Border, an afternoon in museums in Balboa Park, an afternoon of tide-pooling at Cabrillo National Monument, and a morning kayaking excursion on Mission Bay.

Thanks to KOA San Diego’s cut-rate camping deals, our campsites (with showers!) will cost us less than \$8 per student/night. Many of the activities are also available for little cost to school groups, so the fees for museums, lab tours, and park entrances come to only \$50 per student. Twelve meals and assorted supplies add another \$65 per student, and transportation (minus the \$ the juniors have raised) works out to \$50 per student. This makes the full fare trip cost of \$196 per student.

If you are able and willing to pay the full cost, we would be extremely appreciative. However, we have committed to keeping our trips as affordable as possible, so we have set a standard amount we are asking families to pay of \$146. If you are unable to pay the standard amount, the barebones cost of the trip comes out to \$65. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you can pay half the barebones cost (\$32.50). Please have all fees paid – or payment arrangements completed – by Thursday, March 28. Even at the full fare price of \$196, this trip is a bargain! *Important note: Students will need to bring \$10 - \$15 extra to purchase a meal in Ocean Beach restaurants on Wednesday night.*

A few key details: Students should arrive at ALCS at 4:30 am on Sunday, March 31. The bus will depart promptly at 5:00 am. Students should pack breakfast and lunch, as well as snacks, for the grueling 10-hour bus ride.

Note important contact numbers: Maddy Alfero at 575-313-2151, Harry Browne at 575-313-9728, and Guy Ramirez 575-590-7783; please call with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Maddy Alfero, Harry Browne, and Guy Ramirez (ALCS Faculty/Staff)

----- Please detach (or not) & return with payment

Name of student: _____

___ All medical information is up-to-date in our school records.

___ Our address & phone numbers are up-to-date in our school records.

___ We are able to pay the standard fare or more _____ (amount between \$146 & \$196).

___ We are able to pay the barebones cost or more _____ (amount between \$65 and \$146).

___ We qualify for free or reduced lunch and are able to pay \$32.50

Parent signature

Date