

TO: Teachers of Students Participating at KEEP Cambria and KEEP Ocean

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Many of you have expressed the need to know in some detail what to expect when you bring your class to KEEP. Therefore, we have compiled this description of some of the mechanics of your field study trip. Complete information on preparing for your trip is contained in your KEEP Cambria Pines Teacher Resource Guide.

Please arrive at 11:30 a.m., allowing three hours to get to KEEP from Bakersfield (the KEEP staff will not be ready for you until 11:30 a.m.). Upon arrival, you and your students will be given a brief welcome before lunch is served at noon. After lunch the Program Supervisor will speak to everyone about the program: what to expect and our expectations of the students. Following this, students will accompany Naturalists on orientation walks around the campus. Counselors will have their own orientation meeting with the Lead Naturalist. The teachers will meet with the Program Supervisor to talk about the week (cabin assignments, teacher duties, students, etc.).

Around 4 p.m. the students and counselors will be given their cabin assignments and have until 5:30 p.m. (dinner) to move in, shower and have some free time.

Teachers will meet with their students for one hour per day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is a good time to touch bases with your students and, if you choose, have the children work on their field notebooks. Counselors have a meeting during this “teacher hour” with a Naturalist and then enjoy their limited free time — so please keep your students for the full hour.

Please remind your students not to bring cell phones, comic books, knives, hair spray, mousse, gum, candy, food, cosmetics, perfume, radios, hair dryers, curling irons and electronic games/toys. Money may be brought to KEEP for purchase of an additional T-shirt for \$7.00 and/or KEEP foundation items. Please see [www.campkeep.org/newkeep/merchandise](http://www.campkeep.org/newkeep/merchandise) for merchandise and pricing information.

Be prepared for the unexpected at KEEP. Anything that happens is curriculum. We look forward to a wonderful week with you and your class. Your comments, suggestions and constructive criticisms are earnestly solicited. The KEEP office phone number in Bakersfield is (661) 871-1883. Thank you for your participation at KEEP Cambria Pines.