



Dear Parents:

Your child's school is preparing students for a unique learning experience at the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School, Green Meadows. The staff of the Merced County Office of Education and the staff of the Outdoor School want your child to have a rewarding experience at the outdoor school. Reading this booklet with your student is the first step in planning for that experience.

The Merced County Office of Education operates this facility in the Sierra Nevada Mountains at Fish Camp, California. The Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School is only two and one-half miles from the south entrance of Yosemite National Park, just off Highway 41. Our access roads are paved and maintained by the state and county, allowing us to operate safely year-round.

At the outdoor school there are cabins, restrooms, and all related facilities for comfortable living. All facilities have electricity and heat, and the restrooms have hot showers. Meals are served family style and students can eat as much as they like. Students often remark that they wish they could take our cooks back to their home school!

The outdoor school is a unique “once in a lifetime” part of your child’s school program. In spring of 2012 we were once again awarded a five-year certification by the California Outdoor School Administrators and the California Department of Education in recognition of our program and facility quality. Students enjoy the experience of learning in our outdoor classroom and a recent study found that students who participate in outdoor school programs show significant gains in their science scores, problem solving skills, and peer relations. I hope that your child will be able to attend with their class and teacher!

The information in this booklet will help you plan for a successful week at the outdoor school. Again, please review this booklet with your child to help them prepare for the trip. If you have any questions regarding trip preparation please contact your child's school. If you have specific questions regarding the operation of the outdoor school, please call my office at (559) 642-0122. We are also on the web at: <http://campgreenmeadows.com>

My staff and I look forward to serving you and your children.

Sincerely,

Robert Bassett

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