

Pinnacles Field Trip Expectations and Information

Pinnacles National Park is an exciting way for you to experience natural phenomena in one of our nation's National Parks! Below are important guidelines for having a successful field trip to Pinnacles National Park.

Expectations:

- Stay with your teacher/chaperone AT ALL TIMES.
- Stay ON the designated trails. This will minimize your risk of getting hurt and protect the national park's resources.
- ALWAYS follow the directions of your teacher or chaperone.
- If you see a wild animal, DO NOT attempt to touch or feed them.
- Alert an adult if you see a plant or animal that may be poisonous or unsafe.
- Wear proper clothing for hiking and weather conditions on that day. Weather can change rapidly!
- Keep your voices down- talking is fine, but avoid screaming or yelling unless you are in danger.
- Alert an adult immediately if you or someone else gets injured or hurt.

Important Information:

- **DO NOT REMOVE ANYTHING FROM THE PARK!** Pinnacles is a National Park- this means it is a Federal Offense to take, remove, or damage any of the resources at the park- This includes rocks, plants, pinecones, flowers, animals, etc.
- There is NO cell service or WiFi available at the park, so your cell phones will not work.
 - You are welcome to take pictures or videos though!
 - We will have access to emergency GPS and radios if something happens.
- Pinnacles National Park does have some poisonous plants and animals to look out for- these include, poison oak, ticks, and (rarely) rattlesnakes- it is imperative that you wear protective clothing and *ALWAYS* stay on the designated trails to minimize your risk of getting injured.
- You will be getting a free lunch from the cafeteria on the morning of your field trip, but you are welcome to bring extra snacks for the bus and hike!
- Please bring a reusable water bottle... let me know ASAP if you do not have one- this will be mandatory for the hike!
- Clean up ALL TRASH at the Park AND on the Bus.

I, _____ promise to follow these guidelines and expectations during the entirety of the Pinnacles Field Trip.

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Itinerary for Pinnacles Field Trip on _____

- **7:40-8:55 AM-** Arrive at school. Get your free bag lunch at the cafeteria.
- **7:55- 8:00 AM-** Meet in the MPR. We will check to ensure you are wearing proper clothing and you have all the necessary items for the field trip.
- **8:00AM- 8:10AM-** Board the bus!
- **9:30-9:45 AM-** Arrive Pinnacles National Park (EAST Entrance). Park at Bear Gulch Day Use Area.
 - There are bathrooms, water, a picnic area, and a visitor center.
- **9:45-10:00 AM-** Begin Hike! Complete journaling activities during the hike.
 - The projected hike will be approximately *2 miles with 500 feet of elevation gain*. We plan to go from Bear Gulch Day Use Area- Moses Springs Trail- Bear Gulch Reservoir- Rim Trail- back to Bear Gulch. We may explore the caves a bit if time permits and they are open.
- **12:00- 12:10 PM-** Finish Hike. Meet at Bear Gulch Picnic Area.
- **12:10- 12:40 PM-** Lunch and discuss what we saw/ experienced on the hike!
 - Now is the time to use bathrooms, take care of personal needs before we get back on the bus.
- **12:45 PM-** Board the Bus and leave Pinnacles to go back to HMS.
- **2:20- 2:40 PM-** Arrive back at Harden. We will wait in the MPR for classes to end, then HOME!

Clothing/Attire:

You will be allowed “free dress” on the day of your field trip, but you must follow the guidelines!

*If you are not wearing proper clothing/attire, you will not be allowed on the bus! **NO RED OR BLUE!***

- **Close-toed shoes-** like tennis shoes, running/athletic shoes/ sneakers. NO sandals, open toes, or Crocs! Hiking shoes with good tread on the bottom are best, but any closed-toe sneaker is fine.
- **PANTS-** should be comfortable, shorts are NOT recommended because you need to protect your legs from poison oak and ticks! Jeans are ok.
- **Layering for your top-** T-shirt, long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt, and rain or wind jacket.
- **Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen-** It can get HOT at Pinnacles- protect yourself from the sun!
- **Small backpack or bag-** to carry water, snacks, journal, pencil, and monocular during the hike.
- **Water Bottle-** You must bring at LEAST 1 liter of water for the hike- water will be available to refill.

*You will not need to bring your regular school supplies since we will be visiting Pinnacles the entire school day. Make sure you bring a bag or backpack to carry the required materials/supplies during the hike!

Please ask (in person) or email me if you have any questions or concerns: kelly.buell@salinasuhd.org