



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



Dear Families,

Foothill Horizons Outdoor School offers on a once in a life time learning experience for your child. Parents say that their child returns home more mature, and excited to learn about science and nature. During their stay, our goals are for children to grow personally and socially, learn about science and connect to nature in a safe, nurturing environment. We are owned and operated by Stanislaus County Office of Education and have been teaching students for over 50 years. We hope this brief letter will let you know how we will care for your child and the benefits of our program.

SUPERVISION

Children are supervised at all times. Below are the people who will be caring for your child.

- Classroom teachers—your classroom teacher will attend with your child and participate in many activities with your child such as hikes on the trails, eating meals and recess
- Naturalists—the naturalist provides the instruction on the trail and coordinates all activities. They are college graduates and trained to create the most supportive environment for your child.
- High School Counselors—these selected high school students will be helping your child in the dorms, such as getting ready for the day and arriving to hikes on time and prepared. They are trained and coached throughout the week to provide the best care for your child.



FACILITIES

Children live in a heated dormitory building. The dorms are separated into a girls section and a boys section. Each section has its own gender specific bathroom and showering area.

Boys will never be on the girls side of the dorms or girls on the boys side.

The facilities are clean and safe.





MEALS

Meals are cooked onsite and served family style. On the website is the [menu](#). Most children enjoy the food. Our cooks have experience with many food allergies and other special diets.

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Children participate in many first time learning experiences that are remembered for years. Most students excel in the hands-on learning environment. For many children it is the first time dipping their feet into a cool mountain stream, listening to the wind in the trees or watching a squirrel leap from branch to branch. Our Naturalist staff create a safe environment for students to learn about science outdoors as it happens. For example students learn about the food chain while watching a deer browsing, exploring for signs of animals and digging in the dirt. On 4 and 5 day programs, student visit Calaveras Big Trees and Moaning Caverns.

In addition to learning science, students learn that they can depend on their classmates and face challenges. These social and personal achievements lead our parents to comment on how mature their child has become during a week at Foothill Horizons Outdoor School.

VIDEOS WWW.FOOTHILLHORIZONS.COM

To learn more about our program please visit our website, follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or see the learning in action on our Youtube Channel: [FoothillHorizonsSCOE](#). We recommend the following videos for parents:

- ✓ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WReNg5vtaBQ>
- ✓ In Spanish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRz_cNg4AyY

CERTIFICATIONS/INSPECTIONS

- Owned and operated by **Stanislaus County Office Of Education**.
- Certified by the **California Department of Education** as an Outdoor School
- Inspected by the Health Department, Environmental Health Department and California Association of Outdoor Schools



SUPPORTERS

