

## CONTRACT SIGNED BY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

## EXCERPT PERTAINING TO TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4. The DISTRICT agrees to the following:
  - (a) One certificated teacher shall be provided for each group of approximately 30 students sent to the program. (Deviation from this number must be mutually arranged by the school site administrator and the outdoor school director.)
  - (b) Compensation shall be made for all damages beyond normal wear and tear which arise from the DISTRICT'S use of the property.
  - (c) The certificated classroom teacher shall be available on a 24-hour per day basis for consultations regarding emergencies involving his/her class, except in the following situations:
    - (1) <u>Family Emergency</u>. Classroom teachers may be absent for short periods of time in case of unforeseen emergencies involving family members. In this event, the teacher shall notify the outdoor school director of the nature of the emergency and of where he/she can be reached if needed. The teacher shall notify his/her school-site administrator of this absence.
    - (2) <u>Professional Responsibilities</u>. If a teacher is to be absent for professional responsibilities at any time, the school administrator of his/her school shall notify the outdoor school director of this absence in writing and indicate the nature of the absence as well as the name of the certificated teacher who will serve as a substitute.
    - (3) <u>Illness or Injury</u>. In the event the teacher becomes unable through illness or injury to continue to participate in the program, the DISTRICT shall provide a certificated teacher as a substitute.
  - (d) The certificated classroom teacher shall be responsible for the following:
    - (1) Assuming responsibility for students from his/her class. This includes but is not limited to the following: instruction, discipline and the health and welfare of the students.
    - (2) Participating as a working team member with the Foothill Horizons Outdoor School naturalists during all class periods and field trips.
    - (3) Conferring with the outdoor school staff to seek solutions to problems encountered by students in his/her class.
    - (4) Preparing adequately for and teaching during those periods when he/she is solely responsible for instruction at the outdoor school.
    - (5) Accompanying students being transported to the Neal E. Wade Outdoor Education Center on the bus operated by the County Superintendent, and carrying on

that bus the medication belonging to the students on board that bus. (At least one teacher from the DISTRICT will ride with each bus of students.)

(e) In order to provide equal access and because the students will be living in an outdoor education facility around the clock, the DISTRICT must provide all students, on a 24-hour basis, with the same individualized support as they receive at school. If a special education student or student with a disability or on a 504 plan is receiving unique or one-on-one services the DISTRICT must also provide the same services at the outdoor education facility. Examples of such individualized support include, but are not limited to, one-on-one assistance, assisting students in wheelchairs, providing interpreters for deaf and partial hearing students, specialized medical assistance or a recurring need for medical observation, and aiding students

who need assistance showering, toileting, dressing, and eating. Specifically, if a student with an Individualized Student Health Care Plan attends an outdoor education and the DISTRICT does not provide a nurse to monitor or provide nursing services to the student, DISTRICT agrees that it will refund to SCOE any costs SCOE incurs as a result of providing nursing or other necessary medical care or services to the student during the time the student attends Foothill Horizons Outdoor School.

- (f) The DISTRICT shall ensure that the school nurse, other duly qualified supervisor of health, or site administrator verifies the accuracy of the students' "Request for Administration of Medication at Outdoor School". Verification shall be made prior to the student being transported to the outdoor school. School site personnel shall transport home students whose "Request for Administration of Medication at Outdoor School" forms do not match the student's medication(s). Such transportation shall occur before the end of the home school's school day.
- 5. The certificated teacher and any visiting DISTRICT staff shall neither possess nor consume alcoholic beverages at the outdoor school while students are in attendance. The use of tobacco products is prohibited.