



THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

PIONEERTOWN MOUNTAINS PRESERVE

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for reserving an outdoor school program for your **4th grade** students to **Pioneertown Mountains Preserve**. Your program date is **November 7th**, for **62 students**. We will expect your bus between **9:30 - 10 am**. Departure is between **12:30 and 1 pm**. Please call ahead if your bus time changes. This letter will help insure that you and your students will arrive with everything needed to enjoy your visit.

The preserve address is 51010 Pipes Canyon Rd and is located about 4 miles north of Pioneertown. Take Pioneertown Road to the intersection of Pipes Canyon Road and turn left onto the dirt road. Proceed about 1 mile to parking lots near the Ranger Station.

We will meet your bus near the Ranger Station and will direct your bus to the upper parking lot after unloading students. Students should bring water and lunch backpacks to the shade ramada. After a short introduction we will break the children into groups for the walk. We generally have five guides for a group of 60 students. After the walk and picnic lunch we will break into groups for activities.

Please be advised that we have only one restroom and make sure all children use the restroom before leaving school, as restroom visits can delay program time substantially. It is also a very good idea to remind children to **eat breakfast** on the day of the trip, as lunch will be after the walk. We ask all visitors, including students, to pack out their own lunch trash in their backpacks. If your students do not have backpacks, please bring a trash bag for your class. Our ***Pack it In, Pack it Out*** policy prepares your students for visiting our preserves with their families.

We ask you to provide **1 adult chaperone for every 10-12 children.**

Please make sure that your students are wearing appropriate outdoor clothing and are prepared for extreme, windy and possibly wet weather. It is important that they wear closed-toe shoes with reasonable tread for hiking over rocky terrain and that they dress in layers for changing weather conditions. **Please make sure students bring water and that they keep it with them.**

Don't forget to help us improve our programs by filling out the Teacher Evaluation forms after your trip. TWC is a California nonprofit 501(c) (3) public benefit corporation dedicated to preserving the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and providing programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature. **TWC provides all education programs free of cost. Donations from your school will help us continue to provide this important community service.**

We look forward to meeting you and your students!

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School Tour Coordinator

