

Monterey Bay

Camping Trip Information

Thursday, May 17 - Sunday, May 20, 2018
Reserve ASAP -- space is limited!

“One of our nation's most spectacular marine protected areas, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary offers some of the best wildlife viewing in the world! This ‘Serengeti of the Sea’ stretches along the central coast from San Francisco to Cambria and includes pristine beaches, jewel-like tide pools, lush kelp forests, steep canyons and an offshore seamount teeming with life—from tiny shrimp to giant blue whales.”

---- From the NOAA website

Every 3 years, we venture a little farther from home for our camping trip. 3 years ago, we went to Yosemite. This spring we are going to Monterey! You don't want to miss this trip. On Saturday, May 19th, ALL Chrysalis students present will receive FREE admission to the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. The other members of our Chrysalis family get a steeply discounted rate (\$20 per adult and \$15 per non-Chrysalis sibling). On Saturday, your loving Chrysalis teachers are hatching plans for sea kayaking, tide pooling, hiking, and possibly even snorkeling in the kelp forests. Sign ups for extra adventures that require advanced reservations will be sent out in 2018.

We have reserved the group campground at Monterey Veteran's Memorial Park for tent camping for only \$20 per person (over 3 years old) for the weekend. Unfortunately, no RVs or tent trailers allowed unless it's a truck bed camper. This 50 acre park is only 2.5 miles from Cannery Row and boasts hiking trails, play areas, restrooms, and showers under towering Monterey Pine forest and bay views. **The group campground can only accommodate 140 people so send in your form as soon as possible -- spots are first come, first served.**

If you are bringing your RV or tent trailer, you have 2 options.

1. The Monterey Veteran's Memorial Park has 42 first come, first served campsites that can accommodate smaller RVs for \$30 per night. There are no hookups and a maximum trailer size of 27 feet. Unfortunately, these sites cannot be reserved in advance, however, our host says that if you are planning to arrive on Thursday, there will almost certainly be sites available. We don't recommend this option if you plan to arrive Friday -- Friday and Saturday nights in May are usually booked solid.
2. If you don't want to chance it or have a larger RV, then the closest and most affordable RV park is located at the Monterey County Fairgrounds.
<http://montereycountyfair.com/about-the-rv-park/> They are only 4.5 miles away and have full hookups, showers, laundry, and internet for \$50 per night. Please reserve directly with them by calling (831)717-7167. (They won't have their 2018 calendar up until Oct 15th but call after that.)

And if you need even more creature comforts, a huge selection of hotels, inns, cottages, bed and breakfasts, and Air B&B stays are found throughout Monterey. Book your reservations now because Monterey is a very popular tourist destination and fills quickly.

Thursday, May 17th is a minimum day in order to give everyone time to pack up and make the long, 5+ hour drive. We will break camp on Sunday, May 20th. There is no school on Monday, May 21st so staff have a day to rest before school starts back up. People wish to stay an extra night may do so by moving over to the first come first served campsites for \$30 per night (the host says there is usually no problem at that time of year getting a space for a Sunday night). Classes resume on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Your family can buy meals from the Chrysalis Camp Kitchen starting with breakfast on Friday through breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Food is very reasonably priced and there's a lovely community spirit in the kitchen and communal dining tables. We will ask each family to volunteer **three** times in the Camp Kitchen to help prepare the meal or clean up afterwards. Although we are not serving dinner on Thursday night, there are hundreds of dining options along the drive down and in Monterey.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium has some amazing "add-on" tours and adventures for an additional charge -- from behind-the-scenes to sea otters to scuba diving. Book these adventures on your own at: <http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals-and-experiences/tours-and-adventures>
Note: you MUST be present from 9:45-10:00 am on Saturday, May 19th to receive you and your children's discounted/free admission to the museum -- so don't book a tour that prevents you from being available at that time unless you are willing to pay the full admission price yourself.)

All families are welcome to participate in our campout and/or activities. We will do what we can to ensure that every Chrysalis student has the opportunity to attend if they want to. ***If cost is an issue for your family, or if you need another family to supervise your child on the trip, or if you need camping equipment (tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads), please let Irene know and we will do our best to make arrangements so that you can participate. We welcome donations to help pay for camping, food, mileage or admission for families who need assistance.***

Following is a list of equipment you will want to bring: (The temperatures can be cold, especially if the fog rolls in, so bring warm bedding and clothing)

- Warm sleeping bags
- Foam pad, tent, tent poles and stakes (if tent camping)
- Warm jacket, gloves, hat, sweatshirt
- Shirts and pants (Bring School Shirts if you have them.)
- Undies, socks, PJ's
- Hiking shoes with good grip and Athletic shoes
- Water shoes for beach trips and tidepooling
- Towel and wash cloth

- Toothbrush and paste, comb or brush
- Soap, deodorant, sunscreen, insect repellent, moleskin for blisters, chap stick.
- Daypack and water bottle
- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
- Chair for around the campfire
- Optional Items: binoculars, camera, field guides
- If you have it: kayak, paddle board, life jacket and paddle
- ***Plastic bowl, plate, cup, and silverware to eat with. We do not provide these.***

Please fill out the attached feedback form and return it to school ASAP.

Monterey Sign-Up Form
Please fill out and return ASAP

Family Name _____

_____ Yes, we are attending the campout. List family members attending:

_____ No. Our family is not participating in the campout or activities.

_____ We want our child _____ to go, but parents cannot attend. We have arranged that our child will be traveling and staying with (Family Name)

Circle the day your family will arrive and the day you plan to leave.

Thurs, May 17

Fri, May 18

Sat, May 19

Sun, May 20

- Camping preference:**
- Tent camping in the group campsite @ \$20 per person = \$_____
 - RV camping at the first come, first served campsites at Monterey Veterans Memorial Campground
 - RV camping at the Monterey County Fairgrounds
 - Staying elsewhere (Please describe: _____)

- Scholarship request:**
- _____ (how many) people for meals with the Chrysalis camp kitchen.
 - _____ (how many) people for tent camping in the group campsite.
 - _____ (how many) loaner tents.
 - _____ (how many) loaner sleeping pads and sleeping bags.
 - _____ (how many) adults to visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium on Saturday, May 19 (adults are \$20).
 - _____ (how many) non-Chrysalis children to visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium on Saturday, May 19 (children ages 3-18 are \$15).
 - A stipend for gas/mileage should that become available.

** Our first priority is to ensure that all Chrysalis students who want to attend may do so. Second priority will go to the families of students that qualify for free or reduced price lunch and have never been camping with Chrysalis before. **

Please briefly explain why your family would benefit from a scholarship and how Chrysalis can best help your family make the most of this camping trip:

Meals: Families may bring and prepare their own meals or they can buy meals from the Chrysalis Camp Kitchen. Chrysalis provides meals with lots of choices and it's fun to cook and eat together. Price: Breakfast \$3.00, Lunch \$4.00, Dinner \$5.00.

Write the number of people who will be eating each meal you want to purchase from the camp kitchen (½ price meals for kids ages 3-5; kids 0-2 eat free):

	Full	½		Full	½		Full	½	
Friday	Breakfast	_____	_____	Lunch	_____	_____	Dinner	_____	_____
Saturday	Breakfast	_____	_____	Lunch	_____	_____	Dinner	_____	_____
Sunday	Breakfast	_____	_____	Lunch	_____	_____			

Total number of meals for ages 6 and up

_____ Breakfasts @ \$3.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Lunches @ \$4.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Dinners @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Total ½ price meals for kids ages 3-5

_____ @ \$1.50 each = \$ _____

_____ @ \$2.00 each = \$ _____

_____ @ \$2.50 each = \$ _____

Total for camping and food \$ _____ Check Cash

Make check out to Chrysalis Charter School and include with this form. We welcome donations to help pay for camping and food for families who need assistance. If cost is an issue for your family, please let Irene know and we will do our best to make arrangements so that your child can participate.

If you or your family have special food needs, please describe:

I understand that Chrysalis is not sponsoring any swimming activities during the campout. I hold Chrysalis Charter School and Shasta County Office of Education and employees harmless from any and all liability or claims which arise out of or in connection with this voluntary camping trip. I understand that my children should participate in the school or family activities and it is my responsibility to supervise my children (and any children I sponsor) or ask another adult to supervise them at all times. Quiet time starts at 10:00 pm throughout the campground and children must be back at their family's campsite under adult supervision by then.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____