



Foothill Explorations at Silver Spur

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: How early do I begin planning our outdoor education experience?

A: We recommend 6 months planning time, but we also understand that it is not always possible to have that much time available. Time is needed for contracting, developing a schedule (and editing it as necessary), getting essential information and documents to students and parents, and finalizing numbers (students and chaperones).

The more time you have to spread out the different planning pieces, the less stressful it will be. However, we will gladly work within most any timeframe to help make your planning experience positive and as easy as possible.

Q: Where is Foothill Explorations located?

A: Silver Spur is located in the heart of the Sierra Nevada Foothills in central California. Our mailing address is:

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Q: How do we get started?

A: Begin by calling Silver Spur! You can call or email us with questions or get more information. (209) 928-4248 or fess@silverspur.com. We will guide you through the entire planning process. Our goal is your success!

Q: Do we need to bring cabin leaders (chaperones)?

A: Yes, please. We recommend 1 chaperone for every 8 students – this ratio helps facilitate proper supervision of the students. Teachers can be included in that ratio. Chaperones do come at a reduced rate as a thank you for their involvement and willingness to be part of the experience.

Q: What are the responsibilities of the teachers and chaperones while at Silver Spur?

A: Teachers and chaperones will be asked to be the main disciplinarians. You know your students better than we do, and you know what measures are necessary for each individual student. We will lay out guidelines during orientation, and can help with constructive discipline plans while on camp, but ultimately, our staff will look to you to take the lead.

We will also ask chaperones to sleep in the cabins with the students, be present during classes, assist during meals (supervision), and be available for the students during free time. Silver Spur staff will partner with the chaperones as much as possible during class time and any organized activities.

Q: How many classes do we get to choose?

A: Your class choices depend on the schedule you arrange. Most 3 day programs can choose from 5-7 classes and 2 evening sessions, 4 day programs include 7-10 classes and 3 evening sessions, and 5 day programs allow for 10-14 classes and 4 evening sessions. Each schedule is flexible to meet your needs – and the class choices vary with that flexibility.



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Q: How much free time is included in the schedule?

A: You get to choose how much free time your students will have in their scheduled activities. Typically, most groups choose 1 class for after lunch, leaving the remainder of the afternoon for free time. You can also choose 2 classes for after lunch, reducing free time to 1-2 hours. There is also some flex time built into the evening.

Q: How much spending money will students need to bring?

A: Students may want to bring home a souvenir or purchase a snack while at camp. We recommend only \$10-\$20 spending money for the week.

Q: Do we need to bring linens?

A: We do ask that you bring your own towels and bedding (pillow and sleeping bag or blankets). If a student does not own bedding, we do have bedding bundles available for a small fee.

Q: What are the "extra costs" associated with this program?

A: There are very few extra costs associated with the Foothill Explorations program. The main options that cost extra are the waterslide, pool, paintball, hayride, juggling performance, and if any linens are requested. Our goal is to include as much as possible into the cost of the program, making our program a good value for you and your students.

Q: I have more questions and I don't see them addressed here. What do I do?

A: If you still have questions or would like to speak to one of our staff, please call our office. We'd love to speak to you and what Foothill Explorations could do for your school.

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