Los Angeles County Outdoor Science School
Malibu, California
Why LACOSS Malibu?

• Dedication to providing standards-based scientific instruction and experiential learning in our distinctive semi-wilderness ecosystems

• Our educational program and physical facilities are regularly certified by the California Outdoor School Administrators (COSA) under the direction of the CA Department of Education

• A small group, hands-on education gives full attention to students’ personal learning and promotes understanding of the natural sciences

• Our highly qualified staff has extensive experience in outdoor science and youth education
Where are we?

- Located in Malibu along Highway 1 across from County Line/Yerba Buena State Beach
- Over 120 acres of Coastal Sage Scrub, Riparian, and Rocky Intertidal ecosystems
Trail Groups

- Students spend the week working within small trail groups
- Each trail group works with one LACOSS Outdoor Science Instructor
Daily Schedule

7:00am – Morning Wake Up
7:40 – Breakfast Set-Up
7:50 – Breakfast
9:15am-4:00pm – Lessons
4:15 – Cabin Time
5:10 – Dinner Set-Up
5:20 – Dinner
7:00 – Evening Programs
8:30 – Cabin Time, Prepare for Bed
9:15 – Feet on Bunks
9:30 – Lights Out, Voices Off
Riparian Creek Bed
Coastal Sage Scrub
Rocky Intertidal Zone
Cabin Life
Dining Hall

*Our kitchen provides gluten-free, vegetarian, and lactose free options
Infirmary

• Students must have a guardian’s signed permission to receive any medication

• All medications must be sent in their original containers, and a physician’s signature must be present on the LACOSS medical form
Discipline – The “Numbers” System

1. An official warning
2. A 10 minute time out from activities
3. Student misses cabin time and/or sits out for the evening program. The student completes a written behavioral contract with a Visiting Teacher
4. A call to the student’s guardian, and a meeting with the Outdoor Science School Principal and a Visiting Teacher
5. Student must be removed from Outdoor Science School
What To Bring *

• Sleeping bag
• Weather appropriate clothing (that can get dirty)
• Close-toed shoes (plus extra pair that can be used as water shoes – no sandals!)
• Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Bath Towel, etc.)
• Water Bottle
• Sun Protection
• Pencils
• Daypack

*A detailed packing list will be provided in your school’s welcome packet
What To Leave At Home

- Cell Phones
- Clothing that cannot get dirty
- mp3 Players, CD players, tablets, and electronic games
- Tanktops, halters, croptops, midriffs
- Hairdryers, Curling Irons
- Knives
- Candy, gum, and non-dietary-specific food
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