

VALLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Experiential Learning Program
Overnight trips planned for 2022-23



Sacramento

The 4th grade trip to Sacramento is the culmination of the study of California history. The trip begins with a flight from Ontario Airport to Sacramento Airport. Students then camp for two nights on the banks of the American River, where they pan for gold and interact with actors portraying Pioneers, Native Americans, Mountain Men, and Tinsmiths. Students go on to explore Marshall Gold Discovery Park where they participate in an historical reenactment, before going to Placerville where they learn how a Stamp Mill works and explore an old hard-rock mine. Later, students spend time in Old Town Sacramento where they visit a school from circa 1850 and the Train Museum. This leg of the trip also includes a visit to Sutter's Fort, the State Capitol building and its gardens, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The third night is spent in a hotel before traveling to San Francisco for the last day where students ride on a cable car, tour the Cable Car Museum, and visit Alcatraz Island, before returning to Ontario Airport.



- **Grade level:** 4th grade only
- **Dates:** May 1-4, 2023
- **Can parents attend?** Yes
- **Cost:** approx. \$1600 (**SIGN-UP BY OCTOBER 1 USING THE LINK BELOW AND PAY THE DEPOSIT OF \$49**)
- **How to pay:** thru the vendor's website: <https://worldstrides.com/custom/valley-preparatory-school-203883/>
- **Refundable?** As per the terms outlined by the vendor
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black, Head of School (jblack@vpredlands.org)

Pali Outdoor Adventure Camp (Running Springs)

Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the Pali Institute allows students the thrill of seeing, touching, and learning about the environment and our impact on the world. Students spend two nights in safe, clean cabins and enjoy various outdoor activities (including a ropes course) designed to both educate and inspire. The camp's experienced instructors are with the students 24hrs/day. All meals are provided in the camp's cafeteria, and Valley Prep teachers are also onsite to provide additional supervision and support. More info: <https://www.paliinstitute.com/>

- **Grade level:** 5th grade only
- **Dates:** April 12-14
- **Can parents attend?** No (students and teachers only)
- **Cost:** \$525 per student
- **Click here to register & pay:** <https://permission.click/O1GI9/us>
- **Deadline to pay:** December 1
- **Refundable?** Yes
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org)



Outdoor Adventures by Boojum

Boojum teaches important life skills and interpersonal dynamics through shared experiential activities that develop outdoor skills, self-reliance, and confidence. For three-days and 2-nights, students experience tent camping in Joshua Tree National Park. They will rotate through different small group activities and participate in climbing, hiking, scrambling, and exploring local flora and fauna. Students are expected to assist in the kitchen, cooking and cleaning for the group. Boojum and Valley Prep staff work together to provide constant supervision of the students, day and night. To learn more about Boojum, please visit their website at <https://www.boojum.org>

- **Grade level:** 6-7th grades
- **Dates:** April 12-14, 2023 (Wed-Fri)
- **Can parents attend?** No (students and teachers only)
- **Cost:** \$1200
- **Click here to register & pay:** <https://permission.click/GjGr5/us>
- **Deadline to pay:** December 1
- **Refundable?** No
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org)



Washington DC

After traveling from LAX to a Washington DC area airport, students check-in to their hotel (single, double, or triple rooms are available). Over the next four nights and five days, students travel by motorcoach to visit the following locations: Washington Monument, National Archives, Ford Theatre, FDR Memorial, MLK Memorial, WWII Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial, National Museum of African American History, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, US Navy Museum, Mt. Vernon Estate, and the Smithsonian Museums on the Mall. All meals are included. In addition to various tour guides, Mr. Schutz remains with the students throughout the trip.

- **Grade level:** 8th grade only
- **Dates:** April 3-7
- **Can parents attend?** Yes
- **Cost:** starting at \$2650 (Deposit of \$300pp is due September 14)
- **How to pay:** thru the vendor's website (<https://hemispheretravel.com/>)
- **Deadline to pay:** Three deposits (9/14, 11/9, and 12/14) plus final payment before 2/1
- **Refundable?** As per the terms outlined by the vendor
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org) or Mr. Schutz (dschutz@vpredlands.org)
- **How to register & pay:**
 1. VISIT www.hemispheretravel.com
 2. Click on the Account Login button at the top of our home page
 3. Click here to register or make a payment for a tour
 4. First time users click on the 'First time users click here' link OR enter your login information if you have previously set up an online account
 5. Enter your Web Code – 23TA16165
 6. Proceed to enter the requested information
 7. Once information is completed, you will receive a confirmation email that will provide a link for you to fill out the Permission for Medical Treatment form online
 8. You may log into your account by using your email and password to make future payments.



Puerto Rico (Spring Break 2023)

This six-day tour of the beautiful Caribbean Island of Puerto Rico includes visits to all the top attractions in the capital of San Juan, including Museo de Casa Blanca, La Muralla, La Fortaleza, Convento de Santo Tomas, Iglesia San Joses, El Castillo del Morro, and the botanical gardens. Outside of San Juan, travel to El Yunque Caribbean National Forest and Ponce. And don't forget snorkeling in the unbelievably clear waters of the Caribbean!

- **Grade level:** 5-8th grades
- **Dates:** March 20-25
- **Can parents attend?** Yes
- **Cost:** \$2,500 – 3,000
- **To learn more and to register/pay:** www.explorica.com/Gonzalez-2023
- **Refundable?** As per the terms outlined by the vendor
- **For more information contact:** Mr. Black (jblack@vpredlands.org) or Mrs. Gonzalez (agonzalez@vpredlands.org)



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