



## **BIG BEAR TRIP 2016**

### **GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR CHAPERONES**

We believe that field trips provide a valuable educational and social experience for students. Without the help of volunteer chaperones like you, many field trips would not be possible. You have currently volunteered to chaperone the Big Bear trip organized by the EEP Club. We thank you very much for giving your time and support to this important event.

In order to help ensure that the Big Bear trip results in a safe and rewarding experience for all participants, some general guidelines about chaperones are provided for your information.

Again, we thank you for volunteering and we hope you enjoy the trip as much as the students.

#### **WHAT PARENT CHAPERONES DO**

The easiest answer is, “they parent”. More pragmatically, “they ensure safety.” This balance between fun and safety is critical as the Big Bear trip is designed as an enjoyable bonding experience that builds personal responsibility and peer camaraderie in a relaxing atmosphere.

As chaperones, you observe and intervene if safety is a concern. There will be times when students might seek advice or help. Please be aware of the differences between 12-13 year olds and 15-16 year olds; understand that these are not average teenagers but very responsible intellectually-advanced students who need only boundaries, not draconian supervision. We have nice kids in EEP.

Parent chaperones are most valuable in a medical emergency.

During the day, some students may want to go into town, and would request for a ride. You may be requested to shuttle them to places they want to go, usually into town center, to the tubing place, or to the summit.

You are also free to do whatever you want. You can make your own plans - to go ski or snowboard, shop, or dine out. Some of you may just want to stay in the cabins. You can have our own fun too!

## WHAT PARENT CHAPERONES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR

You are not responsible for what, where or when students eat.

You are not responsible for the students' personal hygiene.

You are not responsible for what students wear.

You are not responsible for the students' activities. It is their job to organize their own fun.

## OTHER MATTERS

Accommodations: Chaperones have 2 cabins reserved free of charge. You have the option of renting your own cabin, however, EEP Club will not be able to cover the expense. If you choose to do this, please let us know.

If you are uncomfortable sharing a bed, please bring your own sleeping bag or air mattress.

Snow Chains: Please make sure you have snow chains. They may be required for driving up the mountain if we encounter snow.

If any one of you can no longer chaperone the event, please contact us immediately.

We hope everyone will have a good trip!

ITINERARY FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13:      DEPARTURE FROM CSULA

PRE-TRIP:

- Students are to be dropped off at Parking Lot 8 on Circle Drive where the bus will be parked.
- Students are to ensure that each one of their baggage(s) is labeled.
- A chaperone is requested to help keep an eye on the baggages.

DEPARTURE:

- The students gather in an orderly line in the parking lot.
- Most students will be on the bus, while others will be in the chaperone cars.
- There will be three (3) chaperones on the bus with the students.
- Planned time of departure is 10:00 A.M.

ARRIVAL AT BIG BEAR:

- The students get off the bus, unload and claim their baggage(s), and proceed to meet their cabin leaders.
  - The students and chaperones are to proceed to their cabins and get settled.
  - There will be a grocery run by the EEP President and/or Social Chairs shortly after everyone gets settled in their cabins. A chaperone will be requested to drive them.
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ITINERARY FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16:      DEPARTURE FROM BIG BEAR

PRE-TRIP:

- Students need to pack their belongings and make sure they don't leave anything behind.
- Students need to ensure an orderly and well-managed process that leaves the cabin in clean condition.
- Everyone will gather at Squirrel's Nest or by the front office of the resort for pre-boarding instructions.

DEPARTURE:

- Planned departure time is 10:30 A.M.

LUNCH STOP:

- Everyone will make a stop at a predesignated meeting place for lunch - 45 minutes.

ARRIVAL AT CSULA:

- Final stop at Parking Lot 8 on Circle Drive where students disembark, and will be picked up by their parents.

## ACTIVITIES AT BIG BEAR

You are not responsible for any activities for the trip, but your knowledge of what is expected of the students and your assistance in providing gentle guidance is appreciated.

Students form groups and select activities on their own without the supervision of adult chaperones. It is their job to organize their own fun. Some will want to try some activities offered around town, while other students will be happy playing cards or watching DVDs all day in their cabins.

### **Possible places where the students may want to go:**

1) Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain (snow play, tubing, sledding)  
800 Wildrose Lane, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

2) Snow Summit Ski Resort (skiing, snowboarding)  
880 Summit Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

3) Big Bear Lake Village (dining, shopping, movies):

- Brown Bear Gift Shop  
675 Pine Knot Avenue, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
- Village Theater North  
6902 Pine Knot Avenue, Big Bear Lake, CA
- Various restaurants

### **Suggested EEP Shuttle stops in The Village and vicinity:**

1) Jack in the Box  
40171 Village Drive  
909-866-6436

3) Village Pizza  
40568 C Village Drive  
909-866-8505

2) Village Theater North  
602 Pine Knot Avenue  
909-866-5115

4) Taco Bell  
41170 Big Bear Blvd  
909-866-7778

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THIS TRIP WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR HELP.  
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT THANKS ♥  
FOR CHAPERONING OUR TRIP TO BIG BEAR THIS YEAR!