Greetings Parents/Guardians,

Faculty and staff at FALA are planning a camping trip in Tucson for the entire 10th grade class. This trip will include educational activities, hiking, and fun!

**When:** Tuesday March 28th - Friday March 31th

**Where:** Catalina State Park, Tucson

**Cost:** $135.00 per student (scholarships available for students with demonstrated financial need)

**NOTE:** Students must have a **“C” or better grades in all academic and elective courses** by **March 10th** in order to attend the trip. **In addition, each family must be up to date on paying your student’s “student fees”** (please see Tanya Buckley in the front office for more information).

**Important: Permission slips were handed out February 14th and are due on Friday, March 10**th **along with the $135.00 trip cost. Permission slips can go to Sara in the front office (or Ms. Buss/Gilmore) and the Trip money will go to Tanya (also in the front office).**

Faculty, staff, and parents will be driving the students to and from the campsite in rental vans and personal cars as needed. We will leave at around 9:00 (please arrive by 8:30 am to begin packing our vans) on Tuesday morning and return around 2:40 pm on Friday afternoon. In addition to providing transportation, FALA will provide 3 meals a day and snacks. The only exception to this is lunch on the first day (Tuesday). We ask that all students bring a bag lunch for Tuesday, March 28th in a daypack. They should also have water, sunscreen, and a sun hat with them in their daypack and be wearing sturdy shoes/sneakers and comfortable clothes. All other items will not be accessible to students until we arrive at camp around 2 pm.

**IMPORTANT: We ask that all students bring silverware, a bowl and/or plate, and a mug or other cup that can be used to drink hot liquids for their own personal use. Please ensure that everything is labeled with the name of your student. \*Check with Ms. Buss or Ms. Gilmore for more information!**

**REMINDER: We ask that students come prepared with the following items. Students who do not come prepared on Tuesday, March 28th may not be allowed to attend. We will be checking all student bags on Tuesday morning.**

* Tent (if you have a tent available)
* Sleeping bag (unless you indicated that you would like FALA to provide a sleeping pad)
* Sleeping pad (unless you indicated that you would like FALA to provide a sleeping pad)
* Pillow (if desired)
* Warm clothing!!! \*It gets pretty cold at night!
* Water shoes (or old shoes that can get wet)
* Towel
* Rain jacket
* At least one change of clothes . . . we are camping—not glamping.
* Extra socks
* Hat
* Snacks (if desired, in a well-labeled bag)
* Backpack (small)
* Two water bottles or a Camelbak (at least 2 LARGE water bottles are required for our hike)
* Sunscreen
* Flashlight or headlamp
* Personal toiletry items
* Hiking shoes
* Change of shoes

Please note: We will not provide caffeine to the students. Bring your own instant coffee or tea.

**If your student will be taking medication of any kind over the course of the camping trip (prescription or non-prescription) please ensure that FALA receives the medication with the specific dosages clearly documented. This information, along with the medication, can be submitted to Sara in the front office. Ms. Gilmore will be the trips’ medical point person for this trip. We ask that students do not carry ANY sort of medication on their person.**

Contact during the camping trip will be limited. If you must contact your student during this time due to an emergency situation, please call the school (during regular business hours). Outside of those hours please call Julia Gilmore at 619-733-4934.

In the event of a major rainstorm or weather event we will cancel this trip. If this happens, we will notify students and parents as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about this trip please do not hesitate to contact me the front office or email Ms. Buss or Ms. Gilmore at 928-779-7223 or [sbuss@flagarts.com](mailto:sbuss@flagarts.com) or [jgilmore@flagarts.com](mailto:jgilmore@flagarts.com).

Best Wishes,

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