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**END-OF-THE-YEAR TRIP
SACRAMENTO AND RAFTING ON THE AMERICAN RIVER
JUNE 3-6, 2012**

A Note from Headmaster Gordon Sichi:

The End-of-the-Year Trip is going to be an amazing four days that will tie together last year's Budget Synthesis Unit and this year's Food Synthesis Unit. We'll also spend an entire day rafting down the South Fork of the American River. I'm pleased to report that we'll be spending all three nights in the historic Williams Mansion, which is now the clean and well-run Sacramento Youth Hostel. We've stayed there before, and it has been a great base for us. We even have exclusive use of the facility during our time in Sacramento, so it really will be our home away from home! Here is information on some of our activities:

For follow-up to the Food Synthesis Unit, Anacapa mom Wilja Happé has used her many connections with California agriculture to arrange field trips to multiple destinations. We're still working out all of the logistics, but it looks as if we'll be doing the following, thanks to Wilja:

- **Sunday:**
Morning tour in Salinas area (large vegetable farm with a big cooler facility)
Romero Overlook Visitors Center (San Luis Reservoir), a complex of facilities that serves both the State Water Project (SWP) and the federal Central Valley Project (There may also be a possible option for a quick swim.)
Dairy tour just south of Sacramento
- **Monday:**
Afternoon tour of rice farm in the Delta (For our Santa Barbara students, this will be a great opportunity to explore the geography of the Sacramento region.)
Special presentation on the California water system arranged by the California Farm Bureau and Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)
Dinner sponsored by PG&E
After-dinner tour of Delta Water works
- **Wednesday:**
Morning tour of apple and pear processing facility south of Sacramento
Tour and cheese making at Hilmar Cheese Company, which processes the largest amount of cheeses daily of any manufacturer in the world

For follow-up to last year's Budget Synthesis Unit, we'll walk on Monday morning from the Mansion to the nearby State Capitol building for a 9:00 am appointment with THE Director of Finance for the California Department of Finance. Anna Matosantos is a very young Stanford grad, who is head of Governor Brown's Department of Finance. I've shared with her our booklet from last year's Synthesis Unit (*The Budget: How Would You Balance It?*) and asked her to explain how our state government is working with various options to balance our budget. This meeting will be followed by a 10:00 am guided tour of the State Capitol, and then at 11:00 am we'll meet with our 35th District Assemblyman, Das Williams, at his office.

For our day on the river, we'll leave early Tuesday morning for a full day of rafting down the South Fork of the American River with OARS, the professional guides for our group. Anacapa has used OARS multiple times, because they are a very reliable and well-run organization. We'll get back to the Mansion in the evening for an easy dinner, followed by our traditional Trip Appreciations Circle for our last night together.

Below is some important information about the upcoming trip. Please take a few minutes to read through it NOW so that you are well prepared on departure day!

Departure: We will depart from campus **on Sunday morning, June 3**. Students should **arrive on campus at 6:00 a.m.** so that we can load our gear and leave promptly.

Food for the Bus Trip: Students need to **bring** a hearty sack **breakfast, lunch, water, and snacks for the Sunday bus ride**. Parents, please be sure your son or daughter has adequate and healthy nutrition for the day.

Return: We are scheduled to **return to campus the evening of Wednesday, June 6, with the exact time to be emailed to parents as soon as we know our final itinerary for Wednesday**.

Equipment: A trip **equipment list** is available on the school's Web site (www.anacapaschool.org). Please note that students should bring one set of "nice" clothes for the day we tour the Capitol. Thank you for taking the time to organize your student's clothing and equipment.

Cost: The cost of this trip is **\$460** per student. Please send your payment to the Anacapa School office by **Wednesday, May 30**.

Medications: If your student will need to take any medications during the trip, please bring the medication to school **by Tuesday, May 29**. Medicine should be in a clearly marked container (preferably the original prescription bottle) labeled with the student's **name** and **exact directions for dispensing**. Please put the container(s) in a **zip-lock plastic bag**.

Emergency Contact Information: Parents who will not be reachable at their usual emergency contact telephone numbers during the trip must provide the school office with up-to-date contact information. If you plan to be out of town while your student is on the school trip, please be **SURE** to take care of this vital task.

Trip Recovery Day: We will not have school on Thursday, June 7.