



THE FACULTY CORNER

FROM ANACAPA SCHOOL . . .

Trips at Anacapa School

Since our founding in 1981, trips have been a vital part of our school community and culture. Students have commented, over and over again, that they would never have gone to so many places if it weren't for their Anacapa trips. Our trip philosophy and the full chronology of trips we've taken, going back to 1982, are included on our school Web site (<http://www.anacapaschool.org/experiential-learning/trips/>). Starting with the 2007 San Francisco trip, the trips have written accounts of each day and what we did. Photos go back to 2004, and someday, we'll have the archival photos of the early trips digitized for our alums and others to enjoy online.

Trips have always been wonderful opportunities for students and their teachers to bond and challenge themselves, whether it was on a long hike, cooking meals over a Coleman stove, or walking the urban streets of a major city. What has changed measurably in recent years has been the extraordinary number of experiential education opportunities included in each trip. Great efforts are made to have as many opportunities to learn as possible—and still have plenty of time to relax and bond.

Much thought, effort, and planning go into each trip at Anacapa. To guide their planning, teachers review the basic goals of Anacapa trips:

- Providing opportunities for student leadership
- Supporting personal / social development
- Promoting student bonding
- Fostering positive faculty bonding with students
- Expanding students' geographical horizons
- Learning independent camping and life skills
- Spending time in nature
- Meeting personal challenge—pushing limits to accomplish something that students might not have thought they could do

The 2012-2013 school year began with our exploring the heights of astronomy, earth-bound ancient forests, the natural history of the Eastern Sierra, and more! This month, as we bring the year to a close, the school's first-ever LA Trip will include the following activities:

- Chinese American Museum
- Olvera Street
- Watts Towers
- Museum of Tolerance
- Tour: UCLA
- California Science Center (Space Shuttle *Endeavor* and IMAX film on repairing the Hubble telescope)
- The GRAMMY Museum
- LA County Museum of Art (Upper School)
- Petersen Automotive Museum (Lower School)
- Korean Cultural Center
- Santa Monica Pier / Beach activities
- Hike: Griffith Park
- Griffith Park Observatory
- Baseball game: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
- An authentic Korean dinner at Hodari in Koreatown
- A multi-course Italian dinner at Buca di Beppo right next door to the hostel

~~ Gordon and Suzie Sichi