

San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association

Mt. Baldy Visitor Center

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Tips for Teachers, Parents, and Students:

1. Roles of teachers, parents, and chaperones: Our staff and volunteers will structure your programs and experience but you are responsible for the behavior of your students. Please address unsafe, disruptive or non-responsive students as you would at school. We are in a small mountain community and need to be respectful of our neighbors, please discourage screaming and yelling. We expect parents and chaperones to be engaged in the activities while monitoring students. Please avoid cell phone use during the program.

2. Number of parents and chaperones: Each group is limited to one parent or chaperone per class. We are unable to accommodate additional parents/ chaperones.

3. Nametags: Name tags help increase personal interactions and assist with group management. Please provide nametags for your students.

4. Dress: Wear clothes that can get dirty. We are outdoors and also use many craft supplies during programs (glue, paint, etc.). **Closed toe shoes are required.** No sandals or flip flops. Long pants help students avoid stinging nettle, poison oak, and ticks.

5. Be prepared for weather: Mt. Baldy tends to be 10-12 degrees cooler than the valleys. Weather can be unpredictable. We suggest dressing in layers (for example, short sleeve shirt with a sweatshirt and a jacket). It is easier to take off extra clothes if you are warm than to be cold throughout the visit.

6. Water and Sunscreen: Come prepared with water for all of your students. If you are going in the field during your visit, there are no drinking fountains. Do not drink water from any creek or stream. Sunscreen is also recommended.

7. Enjoy the mountains: The San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association strives to provide a rich, rewarding experience for students, parents, and teachers. We hope you will have a safe, enjoyable visit.

Through a participating agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, the San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association provides environmental education programs at two US Forest Service facilities: Mt. Baldy Visitor Center and San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center.