

Greetings:

We are writing to give you some information about our efforts to fundraise for our local school, San Gabriel Elementary, for our 6th Grade Science Camp namely, Camp KEEP.

WHAT IS CAMP KEEP?

Camp KEEP is held at Montano de Oro and is a place where students can learn Hands on about various subjects. Instead of reading about some of these topics in books, we are out in the field DOING IT! Rather than sitting in the classroom listening to our teacher speak about subjects from the textbook, we are instructed by scientists and naturalists about topics such as :

Oceanography

Geology

Flora and Fauna

Different ecosystems and topography, to name a few.

WHY SHOULD WE GO?

There are several reasons we feel it is an important part of our educational process. First of all, Camp KEEP provides a non-traditional environment that most kids connect with which enhances learning. In addition, during our many hikes, climbing over the top of some of the many mountains and seeing the views of the Pacific Ocean gives students a sense of accomplishment. This is also many students' first chance to feel confident by being independent away from home for longer than they have ever been- which also enhances teamwork.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

This opportunity was almost taken away from our school by the District 2 years ago. Those students fought hard to keep this experience by speaking at school board meetings and writing letters. The most common reason for discontinuing Camp KEEP was lack of fundraising. Here is where YOU come in!

One of the stipulations in allowing our school to attend Camp KEEP was we had to prove we are actively fundraising with our goal close in sight by January. HOW MUCH is this you ask???

Well, the Grand total is approximately \$20,000 which includes:

-Bus transportation

-Teachers cost

-Counselors cost

-Cost for all TB and fingerprinting

-Cost for camp itself for 64 students

WHY ARE WE WRITING YOU?

We are working tirelessly, while keeping up in school, to make this available to all in our class. In an age where more and more kids are defaulting to electronics and social media- this is an opportunity to help us do what Mom and Dad always tell us, "GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY!" We are asking if you are able, to please help us reach our goal. We appreciate any support you may be able to give.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

San Gabriel Elementary 6th grade class