

Camp Internet

California Backcountry Studies

Recommended Video Viewing and Field Trips As an Educational Family Learning Project

Dear Parents,

The Camp Internet Program is serving your student's classroom this year with online studies on the history, science, art, and literature of the California Backcountry. We encourage parent involvement in our Camper's learning experience and one good way to get involved is to select one or more of the suggested videos below to view as a family with your child, or go on a family field trip. Once you have viewed the video, or gone on a family outing, we welcome any of these follow-up activities:

1. **ONLINE TOUR** Find an online computer and let your child show you the Camp resources that relate to this film or field trip. And let Grandparents and relatives know about the program and your child's mastery of this new method for learning online.
2. **FAMILY FILM** Watch the film as a family and then encourage your child to write a film report about the movie that describes the basic plot, characters and setting, and then explores one or more questions you can pose to your child – for example: What was the message of this movie ? How does it relate to your Camp Internet studies? Is it based on real historic events or is it fictional? If it is fictional, do you think parts of the story might actually have happened in real life ? If so which event ? If you were to become a character in the movie – which character would you choose and why? Do you think the movie had a good ending and if not, how would you have written it differently to have a better message to the audience? We will provide time in class for them to post the **STUDENT FIELD REPORT** online to share with other – including family viewers.
3. **FAMILY FILM** Or, after viewing the film, write a film report together as a family! When your report is finished, email us at camp@campinternet.net so we can arrange a date for you to come online and post your report in our **FAMILY FIELD REPORT** section, or send it with your student to school to post online. If you would rather fax the report, fax to 1-805-899-8698, or mail to Camp Internet, 1129 State Street A7, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. You could also get Grandparents or other relatives to watch the same movie in their home, and then they can come online too to post a report or to view yours.
4. **FAMILY FIELD TRIP** Take a field trip that is related to the Backcountry studies and/or the film. You can also write up a short **FAMILY FIELD REPORT** and arrange to post it online or send it to us for posting. We have a special room just for families to report on family weekend or vacation field trips – just let us know when you are ready to post and we will open the room.
5. **FAMILY NIGHT ONLINE** Join us once a month online for our monthly Family Night. Once in the Family Night, you can also post your film reports in the special Family Field Report Room – plus – enjoy the challenging live online activities that night from a home, school or library computer.

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Suggested Family Activities

Video List

Younger students: John Muir videos, The Story of Yosemite or other National Park natural history videos, Zorro (Disney TV or classic film), Island of the Blue Dolphins, Muppets Treasure Island, Disney Treasure Island, Mark Twain Tonight with Hal Holbrook, An Evening with Mark Twain by Hal Holbrook, Ken Burn's Mark Twain, Great Writers: Jack London, Jack London videos, In Search of History: Ishi, Ishi Last Yahi, Ishi – Last of His Tribe, The Gold Rush, Adventures of the Old West, Also for older students: Two Years Before the Mast, Ramona, Mask of Zorro.

Field Trip List

Any County, private, or State Park or historic gold rush or native site monument in the hills or mountains of your area – including Anza Borrego, Indian Canyons, Bodie, Big Basin, Calaveras Big Trees, Donner Memorial, Henry Cowell Redwoods, Indian Grinding Rocks, Fort Ross, Columbia State Historic Park, Bidwell Mansion, Sutter's Fort, La Brea Tar Pits, etc. ;

Yosemite (Village, Museum, Pioneer Village), Mount Lassen, Joshua Trees, Channel Islands, or Sequoia Kings National Parks; Island Packers trip to Anacapa Island, Ventura; Catalina Express trip to Avalon, Catalina;

Natural History museums and Botanic Gardens with native plants in your area;

Anthropology Collections – Southwest Museum, Los Angeles; Museum of Man, San Diego; Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History; California Indian Museum, Sacramento; Oakbrook Chumash Center, Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village for example;

Any quiet trail through a forest, desert, or meadow, where the touch of human civilization is not readily found