

August 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the seventh grade! The seventh grade team of teachers would like to inform you of some wonderful opportunities for your teenager this year.

We will begin the school year with our annual *Outdoor Science School (OSS)*. From **October 9-13, 2017**, the entire 7th grade student body and their teachers will be attending OSS which is held at Pinecrest Conference Center in Twin Peaks, near Lake Arrowhead, CA. We will spend the entire school week in the Angeles National Forest studying Life Science in a hands-on way, allowing our students a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience what they are learning in class. You can see pictures of the facility at <http://www.pinecrest-ccc.com> and information regarding the activities your child will be engaged in can be found at <http://arrowheadkidscamp.com>. The fee associated with Science Camp is \$320, and will include the cost of lodging, food, transportation, and camp counselors and staff.

During the spring, we will hold our annual *Medieval Day and the End-of-the-Year party* here at First Avenue. To coincide with our study of Middle Ages and Renaissance in Europe, students will have the chance to participate in workshops and interact with “historical” characters. First Avenue has hired and worked with Falcons’ Court presenters for the past 21 years. In order to save money on transportation, we hold Medieval Day on campus to keep the donation cost as low as possible. Workshops will focus on daily life, literature, crafts, music and history of the time period. Medieval Day will offer engaging opportunities to enhance what has already been studied and will provide a visual coverage of this time period that is difficult to reenact in the classroom. Some of the workshops will include rounders, juggling, dance, poppets, embroidery, basket making, military life and more. The donation cost of Medieval Day and the End-of-the-Year Party is \$55.00 which covers the expenses of the workshop instructors, necessary materials, the “medieval” lunch, and also the lunch for the End-of-the-Year party.

Please have your child bring a check for OSS no later than **September 6, 2017** to Mr. Gould. The Medieval Day payment/donation is due no later than **November 3, 2017** to Ms. Mimura.

Each check should be made out to **FIRST AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL**, and your child’s **student ID number** should be written on the memo line. If you would like to make an additional donation to contribute to the scholarship fund for this trip, it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you and we look forward to getting to know your teenager this year.

Sincerely

The 7th grade team of Teachers

If the \$320 fee would prevent your student from participating in this curricular trip, please contact Mr. Gould and Ms. Mimura.



Outdoor Science School

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Medieval Day



	Outdoor Science School (OSS)	Medieval Day
What is it?	A week long science camp at the Pinecrest Conference Center at Lake Arrowhead, CA. Students will gain hands on experience in learning Life Science and Astronomy within the Angeles National Forest.	A day long historical reenactment of life during the Medieval Ages & Renaissance. Students shall experience events including military life, authentic falconry, embroidery, basket making, and much more.
When is it?	October 9 th - 13th, 2017	April & June 2018
Payment Cost?	\$320	\$55
What's included?	<p>The cost will cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lodging ● Food ● Transportation ● Camp counselors & staff ● Outdoor curriculum 	<p>The donation will cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lunch ● Live Falconry assembly and presenters from Falcons' Court ● Reenactment materials
When is the cost/donation due?	Please have your child bring cash or a check no later than September 6 , 2017 to Mr. Gould in Room 20 or the school office.	Please have your child bring cash or a check no later than November 3, 2017 to Ms. Mimura in Room 2 or the school office.

Please have each check made out to **First Avenue Middle School** with your child's **student ID number** written on the memo line.