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TO: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers  
FROM: Shannon Cueva  
DATE: 2009/2010  
RE: "A Day in the Forest" - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Program at Shady Creek

We are pleased to be able to offer a "Day in the Forest" for 4<sup>th</sup> (and upon request 5<sup>th</sup>) grade classes again this year. We have partial funding from Talk About Trees and the Forest Foundation, Which helps to keep the cost down. The price is only \$10.00 per student to cover the cost of our site and staffing. Plus, we have a great way to help you earn this minimal fee. The Shady Creek Outdoor School Foundation has an exciting fundraiser to help students of any school raise money. Students can sell benefit drawing tickets through the Shady Creek Foundation. For more information please call Rikki Shaffer at (530) 822-2416.

As in past years, your class will get a chance to hike into a beautiful and diverse mixed conifer and hardwood forest. They will participate in a number of activities designed to increase their observation skills as well as their understanding of trees and a forest ecosystem. We believe that bringing students to a forest and immersing them in nature is an exciting opportunity to inspire them to care more about nature as well as to care about themselves. The students will have the opportunity to explore the forest in controlled and fun group activities as well as learn about different aspects of the forest by playing directed games. Follow-up materials for your classroom will be provided.

Many students who have participated in this program over the past three or four years had never before been to a forest or seen large trees. Some children told me they hadn't seen trees before except in orchard rows. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders were awed by the magnitude of the forest and the quiet. Teachers were pleased as they watched their students sitting quietly in the forest. Most had never been away from the sounds of civilization. Your students will have an opportunity to experience the beauty of natural sounds in a wilderness setting.

Your class will also get a chance to visit our birds of prey and meet hawks, falcons, eagles, and owls. They will be able to observe these beautiful birds from just inches away. We will provide you with follow-up materials to extend student learning.

The curriculum for the "Day in the Forest" program aligns closely to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade standards of life science as well as investigation and experimentation. Classes will be taught by the Shady Creek Naturalists Staff.

Please fill out the attached sheet and fax it to us as soon as possible; we will then call to confirm a date. This is a very popular program and reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. We have opened up this program to all schools in the Shady Creek Outdoor School service area. We look forward to seeing you and your class at Shady Creek!



"Day in the Forest" Reservation Sheet

Please return to: Shady Creek Outdoor School
Attn: Willi Slack
970 Klamath Ln.
Yuba City, CA 95993-8961

Or Fax: (530) 822-3039

SCHOOL NAME: SCHOOL PHONE NO.:

SCHOOL ADDRESS:

TEACHER(S) NAME(S):

Name of Contact person: Best time to call:

Email address: (please let us know if you prefer a call or Email)

Number of classes or groups (maximum 3 per day): Total number of students:

Please number your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices of month and day of week you would prefer. Fall is the ideal time to come as the weather is much nicer and more predictable plus the autumn colors are beautiful. Spring spaces are limited and are often rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Fall Season: September 2009 October 2009 November 2009

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Spring Season: March 2009 April 2009 May 2009

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Will you be bringing a student who requires the use of a wheelchair, or who has limited mobility?

Yes No

If you have any questions, please call Willi Slack at (530) 822-2949.