

San Diego Mesa College
Fall 2019 Overnight Field Trip
Coachella Valley, San Andreas Fault, & Mt. San Jacinto
Sat Oct. 26th & Sun Oct. 27th
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Trip summary:

On Saturday, Oct. 26th, we'll meet at Mesa College at 7:30 am to arrange carpools (note: carpooling is required. No single-student cars permitted). Then, we'll caravan as a group to the Coachella Valley Preserve (~ 2.5-3 hour drive), where we'll examine landscape features associated with the mighty San Andreas Fault. Next, we'll proceed to Whitewater Canyon to explore the Banning Fault, along with some interesting rock features, including the Pinto Gneiss—one of the oldest rocks units in Southern California. After a quick dinner at a Mexican Restaurant in Desert Hot Springs, we'll camp for the night at Mission Creek Preserve.

On Sunday, Oct. 27th, we'll take a tram (cable car) ride up Mt. San Jacinto, southern California's second tallest peak, where we'll be treated to spectacular views of the Colorado and Mojave Deserts. We'll end the field trip by 2 pm; plan to be back in San Diego by 5 pm.

What to bring:

Basic camping gear (tent, sleeping pad, sleeping bag)
Warm clothes (jacket, layered clothing; nighttime temperatures this time of year can drop into the mid-50s)
Warm hat (for Sat evening)
Toiletries (toothbrush, towel, wash cloth, etc.)
Food (3 meals total, including sack lunches for Sat and Sun, simple no-cook breakfast on Sun; snacks)
Money for dinner (~ \$20, we'll eat at a reasonably priced Mexican restaurant on Sat evening)
Money for camping/tram fees (\$20, to be collected Sat morning)

What to bring (cont.):

Full water bottles for Sat (1-liter, minimum)
Day pack for personal items (e.g., snacks, etc.)
Comfortable, closed-toed shoes (boots or sturdy tennis shoes recommended); no sandals!
Layered clothing (long or short pants, shirts, sweatshirt or sweater, jacket...daytime will probably be comfortable to warm; nighttime may get a bit cool)
Sun hat (very important! Sat may be warm-hot!)
Flashlight
Small camp stove for coffee, tea, or hot chocolate (optional)
Firewood for Sat evening (optional)
If you're driving, a FULL tank of gas
If you're a passenger, \$5 for the driver to contribute gas
Clipboard or other hard writing surface
Pencils and pens for note taking and sketching
A great attitude!

What NOT to bring:

Pets (prohibited within the park; only registered service animals allowed)
Friends, family members (sorry, only enrolled students can attend)
Alcohol & recreational drugs, legal or illegal (our District has a strict no alcohol/drugs policy, even for those over 21; anyone caught with these items will be asked to leave the trip)
Loud radios, boom boxes, etc.
Elaborate cooking gear (there will be no time on Sun morning for an elaborate breakfast; please bring simple breakfast food you can eat quickly, without cooking. The instructors will have coffee for the group on Sun morning.

Please Note...

Although this will be a really fun trip, we'll be doing some serious geology (note taking, sketching, hiking, discussing, etc.) on both Sat and Sun. This trip is not for those who want to recreate, party, and sleep in Sun morning. If you're not into learning geology, staying with the group, and being respectful of your fellow students, this trip isn't for you.

Sexual Assault & Prevention Training

All field trip participants are required to complete **online sexual assault & prevention training (Part 1 only)** by **Wednesday, Oct 23rd**. This is required by our District. The training takes about 2 hours. Please copy the following url into your browser, then follow the instructions: <http://www.sdmesa.edu/academics/schools-departments/allied-health/documents/NEW%20SEXUAL%20ASSAULT%20PREVENTION%20TRAINING%20REQUIREMENTS%20FOR%20COMMUNITY%20COLLEGE%20STUDENTS.pdf>

When prompted; please enter your student ID to receive credit for completion. Please complete this training as soon as possible, and print out a hard copy of your certificate of completion, and turn it in to your instructor. Please note, **you must turn in your certificate of completion for the online sexual assault & prevention training by Wednesday, Oct. 23rd; otherwise, you won't be able to attend the trip.** If you have any problems accessing or completing the training, please contact your instructor for help. **Questions? Please contact your instructor.**