

## IMPORTANT ASTROCAMP DETAILS

### DEPARTURE/RETURN

Students will meet on Yolanda Avenue (between Linnet St. and Canasta St.) by the bus gate at **7:00 AM on Friday, November 9th**. All students must be escorted by a parent/adult to sign them in, deliver any medications to the medication chaperone and bring their child's luggage to the drop off spot. We must be on our way before school buses begin to arrive.

**THE ASTROCAMP BUS WILL DEPART PROMPTLY AT 7:30.**

We will depart from Astrocamp on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 PM. We will send a group email once we are on the bus to give you an approximate time to meet us back at school.

### MEDICATION

If you think that your child may become carsick please provide any remedies that may help them. There are many options that you may choose from (Sea Bands, Bonine, Dramamine). Please administer any medication to your child before they board the bus. If you want medication given to them for the return trip, you **MUST** initial the medication form and provide the medication.

### CHAPERONES

We have 4 female and 2 male chaperones joining our 48 students on the trip. Four of the chaperones went on the Catalina trip last year. Between the 6 of us we have: multiple CPR and First Aid certifications, a Cub Scouts Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader, Assistant Scout Master and Cubmaster, Eagle Scout, Campmaster, 2 elementary education credentials, many camping regulars, a Fitness Specialist, a Lawyer, in addition to, Moms and Dads.

### BEHAVIOR

Please discuss with your child that even though there are no teachers present that they are representing Portola and are expected to behave accordingly. Our program has been honored to be invited back there every year and we want to continue the tradition of showing Astrocamp what excellent, respectful students we have at Portola Magnet. They are to show the chaperones and the staff at Astrocamp the same courtesy and respect they show their own teachers and family.

**NO ELECTRONICS** will be strictly enforced. Please do not allow your child to bring a cell phone, iPad or any other device. The chaperones will be collecting any we find and turn them in to the office at Astrocamp. We will collect them before we return.

### PACKING

Please make sure to review all the **ESSENTIAL ITEMS** on the Packing List and start getting your child's bag ready. Make sure you put your child's name on their luggage, backpack and sleeping bag. Please provide a Stuff Sack or large garbage bag for your child to easily put

their sleeping bag in when they pack up to return. Make sure to label it (masking tape works well).

Please provide a sack lunch for your child which we will eat after we arrive at Astrocamp.

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We will have a chaperone taking pictures while we are at Astrocamp. We hope to be able to download them to our Shutterfly Share site while we are there but that will depend on whether we can get access to WIFI. Make sure you are signed up on our share site. Email me if you need access to sign up.

### **GIFT SHOP**

We will have an opportunity to visit the Astrocamp store to purchase a variety of items (sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, water bottles, post cards, etc.) The highest price is \$30 for the sweatshirts and lowest is post cards for \$1.00. Please send your child with cash if you would like them to be able to make a purchase.

I will send an email a few days before with any additional details. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,  
Stephanie Fenig