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**Supporting Students**

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**Fifth Grade Day in the Desert – Informational Letter**

**(Please read this letter and keep for future reference)**

Dear Parent:

The Lassen County Office of Education, in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management and the Lassen County Environmental Education Collaborative, is sponsoring "Fifth Grade Day in the Desert." Fifth grade students from throughout Lassen County have been invited to attend. Your school’s scheduled day is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The purpose of the event is to give students the opportunity to meet with working scientists and natural resource professionals to learn what they do out in the out-of-doors. These professionals will work to give students greater knowledge of and to safely experience the beautiful outdoor world of Northern California.

The location for the event will be at the Belfast Petroglyphs located approximately four miles from Center Road near Litchfield. The site is situated in the high desert ecosystem and is near Willow Creek. The views from the area are amazing! Local Native Americans long ago carved petroglyphs into ancient lava rocks in the area.

Your student will need to bring:

* A sack lunch with something to drink (with a name clearly written on the outside)
* An additional full water bottle (There is no drinking water on-site!)
* Appropriate shoes for hiking along rocky trails
* Long pants to protect legs as we walk
* A hat and sunscreen to protect against the sun (students will be outside all day)
* A coat or jacket

Students will be supervised by their 5th grade teacher.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill out the enclosed Parent Permission Slip and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

James Hall, Program Manager  
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