



Mt. Shasta, seen from Ahjumawi Lava Springs SP



AHJUMAWI LAVA SPRINGS CANOEING

Located in a remote corner of North East California, Ahjumawi Lava Springs are one of the largest systems of freshwater springs in the country. The spring water seeps out of the lava rocks on the edge of a lake, where Tule reeds grow and wood ducks hide. On the banks of the lake, Black Oaks tower over lava rocks and Juniper bushes, and Acorn Woodpeckers and Tree Swallows flit among the branches. Uniquely situated on the bird migration corridor of the Pacific Flyway, Ahjumawi is visited by birds of dizzying variety: Sandhill Cranes, Pelicans, Golden Eagles, and giant flocks of Snow Geese, to name a few.

Our journey begins at a peaceful inlet of the water. Here, students pack into large dry bags and learn the fundamentals of paddling a canoe. When we're ready, we'll slip our canoes into the water and paddle to our camp on a grassy bank studded with oaks. Here, students will work in teams to gather firewood, prepare food, and set up tents.

The next days will be filled with canoeing explorations of nearby Big Lake, hikes to the Lava Tube Caves, lots of swimming, fire-making challenges, spoon carving, playing games, and solo reflection. On some trips, we are joined by an ornithologist, who will present on the area's rich bird life.





What's included?

- Planning and executing the logistics for a safe and fun expedition.
- Providing experienced and qualified instructors.
- One free adult chaperone is included with every 12 students.
- An info packet for students and parents including packing list and medical questionnaire.
- A video Q&A session with parents 6 weeks prior to program start.
- Obtaining and maintaining all required licenses and permits
- Meals and snacks: hot, abundant, and nourishing.
- All specialty and group equipment.
- Involving students with every step of expedition life. Each student is given a specific expedition responsibility with high and achievable expectations. Staff mentor students closely so they can be empowered to succeed at their responsibility and experience the satisfaction of contributing meaningfully to the group.
- Photos will be taken by our staff throughout the expedition and made available at the end.
- Wilderness life curriculum, mentorship, facilitating community, and fun!



Logistics and Transportation:

- This trip can be booked any time from the middle of March through April. Our standard length itinerary is 3 to 5 days.
- School is responsible for student transportation to and from program beginning and ending locations. Program location is near McAuthor, CA.
- For groups of over 16, part of the expedition will be split into smaller groups, to allow for a more cohesive small team experience.

Trip Fees, Payment, and Cancellation

- **Trip cost per student:** 3 days: \$495 4 days: \$660 5 days: \$825
- Minimum number of students billed is 10, but we are happy to run a program with fewer than 10 students.
- After the contract is signed, students may be added to the trip at full calculated cost (contingent on group size). For students subtracted from group, school will receive a refund for that student's fee if change is made prior to 6 months before program start, and a credit for that student's fee if change is made prior to 6 weeks before the trip start. Fees are non-refundable after that point.
- A 10% non-refundable deposit reserves your trip. A 40% payment of total contract cost is due at 4 months from program start. 100% of payment due 30 days from program start.

