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## LOST COAST BACKPACKING

### A TREK ALONG THE FORGOTTEN SHORE

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With packs on our backs and topographical maps in hand, we set out on the trail. There is a joy and simple freedom in having everything you need on your back! Each day, we wake to the sound of bird song. After breakfast, we'll pack up camp and head out for a day of hiking and exploration on The Lost Coast.

California's Lost Coast wilderness stretches for 60 miles along a section of coast so rugged, it is accessible only by foot. Home to an abundance of wildlife, it is a place where lush mountains meet raging surf, and where clear streams enter the salty brine of the Pacific Ocean. Our narrow mountain trail winds along the steep coast, threading itself deep into mountain gullies full of towering Redwoods, then leading out onto windswept bluffs carpeted with wildflowers. We'll find our wilderness camps in the protected valleys between steep ridges and may see the Elk that frequent the lush green forage.

Hiking and the necessities of expedition travel are punctuated by the rhythmic task of setting up our wilderness camp next to a lake, along a bubbling stream, or on the beach. Here, students will work in teams to set up tents, and prepare food. When camp is set, there will be time for playing on the beach, carving spoons, wilderness skills, games, time together, and reflection.

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## 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 September through November, and again in March and April.
- Our standard length itinerary is 4 - 7 days.
- Program begins and ends near Whitethorn, CA. Specific locations TBD based on local conditions. School is responsible for student transportation to and from program locations.
- 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:**      4 days: \$675      5 days: \$825      6 days: \$990      7 days: \$1155
- 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.

