



MESA Student Leadership Retreat

What to Bring- Info Sheet

Accommodations are shared cabins with bunk beds. No linens are provided. Please bring the following.

- sleeping bag
- pillow
- towel
- Toiletries; soap, shampoo, etc.
- Flashlight (optional)
- Alarm clock or phone
- Proper shoes
- Weather appropriate clothes, casual camping and warm clothes
- Musical Instruments for campfire (optional)

Weather can be chilly or foggy at times and there is always the chance of rain, so be prepared for all these conditions. Bring shoes that are suitable for hiking trails (tennis shoes are fine). Things can get wet and muddy.

Location: Happy Valley Conference Center is located in the Santa Cruz Mountains, approximately 3 miles from downtown Santa Cruz. Redwoods and ferns cover most of the 30 acres of property. There is a large field that is good for soccer, as well as a basketball court and lots of hiking trails

Amenities/Accommodations: All cabins have electricity, heaters, closet space and are furnished with dressers. There are 4-8 bunk beds with mattresses in each room. NO BEDDING IS PROVIDED. Bathrooms are connected to each cabin. The cabins lock at night, but remain unlocked during the day, plan accordingly.

College staff lodging will be in the two-story lodge located near the dining area separate from student lodging, accommodations are similar to student accommodation.

Connectivity: Wifi is available onsite, but is not useful for streaming or downloading. Plan homework accordingly. Cell phone reception is not good on site, however there is an emergency phone available.

Free Time/ Talent Share: There will be some study times available and a study hall location so you are welcome to bring your homework. All are welcome to bring musical instruments for the nightly campfire and a Saturday night talent share. For free times, there are ping pong tables and other sports equipment.

Parking: After loading or unloading, all cars must be parked in the main parking lot. The A-Frame Parking area is not to be used except for immediate loading and unloading and Happy Valley Staff.

Snacks: All Colleges are asked to bring snacks for 100 people to share. We will provide an open snack table for participants.