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## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:** Approval of Field Trip Requests

**SUBMITTED BY:** Amie Sams, Administrative Assistant

**PRESENTED BY:** Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

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Presented for the governing board's review and approval is the field trip request memorandum.

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Esperero Canyon Middle School (ECMS) 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir	Arizona Music Educators Association (AMEA) Junior High All-State Choir	Students will rehearse and perform in an honor ensemble with top choral musicians from across the state, gaining advanced musical experience.	Mesa, AZ	04/11/2026	\$25.00
Ventana Vista Elementary School (VVES) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Biosphere 2	Students will participate in a hands-on experience to learn about different ecosystems and the interdependence of living organisms within those ecosystems.	Oracle, AZ	02/16/2026 <i>(previously approved 1/27/2026 – new date)</i>	\$12.00
CFSD Community Schools	Lake Roosevelt Campout Grades 4-8	Students will explore cultural and natural heritage by studying ancient dwellings, practice Leave No Trace ethics, and build a lasting sense of stewardship for archaeological and environmental preservation.	Lake Roosevelt, AZ	03/23/2026 to 03/25/2026	\$350.00
CFSD Community Schools	Gila Wilderness Adventure Grades 5-9	Students will learn how natural forces shape ecosystems while practicing backpacking and survival skills,	Gila and Silver City, NM	06/01/2026 to 06/05/2026	\$594.00

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		journaling observations, and strengthening teamwork and problem-solving.			
CFSD Community Schools	Sonoran Desert Wildlife Adventure Grades 2-4	Students will build skills in species identification and environmental stewardship while developing a strong foundation in local biodiversity and ecological transitions.	Mt. Lemmon and Madera Canyon, Tucson, AZ	06/01/2026 to 06/05/2026	\$378.00
CFSD Community Schools	Mt. Lemmon Geocaching Grades 3-6	Students will build leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while learning map reading, GPS navigation, hiking preparation, and survival skills through geocaching across diverse biomes.	Mt. Lemmon, AZ	06/08/2026 to 06/12/2026	\$378.00
CFSD Community Schools	Sonoran Waterways Grades 4-8	Students will investigate natural and man-made water systems to master desert hydrology and develop practical skills in environmental stewardship.	Mt. Lemmon, AZ	06/08/2026 to 06/12/2026	\$432.00
CFSD Community Schools	Saguaro Squad: Desert Discovery Camp Grades 3-6	Students will investigate desert biodiversity and cultural plant history to apply ethical, eco-friendly foraging skills and environmental stewardship.	Mt. Lemmon and Madera Canyon, Tucson, AZ	06/15/2026 to 06/19/2026	\$378.00
CFSD Community Schools	Exploring Flagstaff Grades 5-8	Students will synthesize geological, astronomical, and cultural history to develop collaborative leadership and scientific inquiry skills.	Flagstaff, Sedona, and Cottonwood, AZ	06/15/2026 to 06/19/2026	\$594.00
CFSD Community Schools	Cave Camp Grades 5-8	Students will compare diverse cave systems to evaluate the geological and hydrological processes shaping limestone landscapes.	Oracle, Benson, Green Valley, and Huachuca, AZ	06/22/2026 to 06/26/2026	\$398.00
CFSD Community Schools	Mt. Lemmon Bound: Exploring the Sky Islands Grades 4-8	Students will integrate wilderness survival, navigation, and biodiversity data collection to develop leadership skills during an immersive backcountry camping experience.	Mt. Lemmon and Madera Canyon, Tucson, AZ	06/22/2026 to 06/26/2026	\$475.00
CFSD Community	Backpacking	Students will traverse	Aravaipa, AZ	06/29/2026	\$475.00

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Schools	Aravaipa Grades 5-9	canyon ecosystems to analyze hydrology and native biodiversity while mastering backcountry self-reliance and collaborative problem-solving.		to 07/02/2026	
CFSD Community Schools	Mini Mt. Lemmon Bound Grades 2-4	Students will observe wildlife, identify native species, and apply Leave No Trace principles while developing a deeper appreciation for their role in the natural environment.	Mt. Lemmon, AZ	06/29/2026 to 07/02/2026	\$305.00
CFSD Community Schools	Alpine Anglers: White Mountain Expedition Grades 5-8	Students will develop practical fishing, camping, and hiking skills at local lakes, while fostering ecological awareness through visits to a fish hatchery and a wildlife education center.	Show Low and Greer, AZ	07/06/2026 to 07/10/2026	\$594.00
CFSD Community Schools	Wilderness Wayfinders: A Mt. Graham Adventure Grades 6-9	Students will master backcountry survival and leadership skills through an immersive expedition while applying principles of navigation, resource management, and environmental stewardship.	Mt. Lemmon and Mt. Graham, AZ	07/06/2026 to 07/10/2026	\$475.00
CFSD Community Schools	Ancient Lands Expedition Grades 5-8	Students will connect with the region's cultural heritage and natural landscapes while developing leadership and responsible camping skills.	Show Low, Chinle, Navajo National Monument, AZ	07/13/2026 to 07/17/2026	\$594.00
CFSD Community Schools	Trailblazers of the Sky Islands Grades 4-8	Students will develop physical resilience and mountain safety expertise by navigating diverse ecosystems, while identifying native plant and animal species and learning environmental stewardship principles.	Mt. Lemmon and Madera Canyon, Tucson, AZ	07/13/2026 to 07/17/2026	\$378.00

\*Per Governing Board Policy IJOA regarding field trips, “Whenever appropriate, a fee reduction or waiver shall be provided in cases of need or economic hardship.”

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board approve the field trip request memorandum, as presented.**