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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

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 th 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 rd 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 (previously approved 1/27/2026 – new date) | \$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.”

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