

Catalina

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On February 25-27, most of the 7th graders from Medea Creek Middle School went on a three-day field trip to Catalina Island. The students either went to Fox Landing or Cherry Cove at the island. Teachers that chaperoned the two camps included Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Yap, Dr. Bayles, Ms. Franco, and Mr. Large. Many parents also helped chaperone the students.

At Catalina, the weather was great but also cold. In the afternoon, everyone might be wearing shorts and by 5:00 p.m. everyone would change into jeans and sweatpants.

The students and chaperones were given many activities, which filled up the whole day. First, the students would wake up early, go to breakfast, go to an activity, go to lunch, go to an activity, go to dinner, and lastly, go to an activity. Everyone would then go to bed.

Ms. Johnson is a science teacher who chaperoned the students and helped the parent chaperones at Cherry Cove.

“[My job at the camp was] to make sure that the kids got there, got back, had fun, make sure that everyone was safe and I gave support to the chaperones,” Johnson said.

“The students would benefit from this trip because of the hands-on learning that would help them remember and the students making new friends and meeting new people. The goal of the trip was to have a hands-on experience, fun, and educational experience. [I think that] the goal was accomplished,” said Johnson.

Ligeti’s classes went to Fox Landing, while Johnson’s classes went to Cherry Cove.

Ashlyn Dobbie, 7th grade student at MCMS, went to Fox Landing.

“[At Fox Landing, the activities that we did included] the rope course, aquarium walk-through, snorkeling, night dive, kayaking, and squid dissection. I learned that it is fun to smear squid ink on your face, and that ocean life is important to humans. [The improvements that I suggest for next year’s trip includes] the ability to pick who is in our cabin and neater cabins with windows. I would definitely go on this trip again and recommend it to someone,” said Dobbie.

Sasha Kapadia, 7th grade student at MCMS, went to Cherry Cove.

“[At Cherry Cove, the activities that we did included] snorkeling, kayaking, aquarium, touch labs, tide pool, labs, campfire/astronomy, squid dissection, and the night dive. I learned what is inside a squid. There aren’t any improvements [that I suggest for next year]. I would go again and recommend this trip to someone. I told my family about the trip and that we should go together as a family,” Kapadia said.

The trip received great feedback and mixed learning and fun into one great experience.

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