

# Intersession Catalog 2017



**Explore new environments, build valuable skills, make connections and learn through memorable experiences.**

 **KIRBY SCHOOL**

# Intercession 2017

## What is intercession?

Intercession is an exciting opportunity to engage in learning outside of the regular classroom. These experiences are facilitated by Kirby staff and provide a unique chance to develop context for many topics from academic classes. The offerings are a result of suggestions provided by students, parents, and teachers.

## Schedule

|                 | Wed 3/22   | Thurs 3/23        | Fri 3/24 |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|----------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | SJ Tech Museum   | Exploratorium     | Choice   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Kayaking   | Mont Bay Aquarium | Choice   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | iFly   | Choice            | Choice   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> | Academy of Sciences  | Choice            | Choice   |
| 10th-12th       | Select one 3 day experience (no mixing, matching or combining) |                   |          |

**Sign ups:** will all be done via email where you will indicate your preferences. Those who respond to the email first are more likely to receive their top choices.

- 6th/7th grader: please select your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for Friday 3/24
- 8th/9th graders: please select your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for both Thursday and Friday
- 10th-12th graders: please select your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for one single 3-day experience. Be aware that some are overnight while others are three single day trips.

Student lists for each experience will be available at the beginning of the spring semester and there will be meetings and emails providing more specific information.

**This is not an optional program. It is curricular and students are expected to participate. Those who are not present will be marked absent**

# Summary of Offerings

## **Wednesday March 22nd**

- 6th grade San Jose Tech (free)
- 7th grade Kayaking and Tidepooling (free)
- 8th grade iFly (free)
- 9th grade Academy of Sciences (free)

## **Thursday March 23rd**

- 6th grade Exploratorium (free)
- 7th grade Monterey Bay Aquarium (free)

## **8th/9th Choices Thursday March 23rd**

- Emergency Response and CPR (\$15)
- Road Biking Tour (free)
- Whale Watching (\$35)
- Surfing and Beach Games (free)
- Kayaking Elkhorn Slough (\$40)
- iPadography (\$20)

## **6th-9th Choices Friday March 24th**

- Yoga Retreat (free)
- Tide Pooling/Beach Games (free)
- iPadography (\$20)
- Culinary Arts (\$10)
- Surfing and Beach Games (free)
- Whale Watching (\$35)
- Visual FX Workshop (free)
- Ropes Course (\$40)
- Photography Tour (\$25)
- Ranch/Farm Tour (\$20)

## **10th-12th 3-day Experience Choices**

- Coastal Camping (\$90)
- Southern California College and Museum Tour (\$370)
- Music in the Mountains (\$150)
- Backpacking (\$215)
- Marine Adventures (\$70)
- Embodied Arts (\$50)
- Channel Islands Adventure (\$430)
- Culinary Arts and Life Skills (\$25)
- Metal Working (\$80)
- Tech Tours (free)
- Solo Quest (\$470)

**Note about costs:** If cost is a factor in decision making, please contact Lisa Lee (llee@kirby.org) in accounting to discuss options

## 6th-9th Field Trips: Wednesday March 22nd

6<sup>th</sup> grade San Jose Tech Museum: Visit the San Jose Tech Museum's earthquake lab and engineer a seismically sound structure that will survive "The Big One," Work in teams to practice the structural design process as you learn about California's greatest natural threat.



7<sup>th</sup> grade kayaking and tide pooling: Launch from Pillar Point and leisurely paddle through the protected and scenic harbor. Check out the cormorants, pelicans, terns and harbor seals along the naturalist-led field trip. Once across the harbor, explore tide pools and have a shore lunch before paddling back. Pull the large seine net along the way, examine our catch and discuss animal adaptations.



8<sup>th</sup> grade iFly: Learn about the physics of skydiving and directly apply your knowledge by taking flight in the Bay Area's only indoor skydiving center. This is a safe opportunity to enjoy the exhilaration of skydiving.

9<sup>th</sup> grade Academy of Sciences: Build on your developing knowledge of evolution at the museum's incredible natural history exhibit while also taking the time to do a scavenger hunt through the aquarium, and the Osher rainforest. Wrap up your trip with a showing of Habitat Earth in the Morrison Planetarium.



## 6th-7th Field Trips: Thursday March 23rd

6<sup>th</sup> grade Exploratorium: Spend a day at one of the most innovative and fun science centers in the world. Build on your STEAM skills at their tinkering studio and expand your scientific knowledge by playing with the many hands-on exhibits.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Monterey Aquarium: Travel to our world renowned aquarium in Monterey for a dive into the deep in “Ocean Explorers” where you will enjoy “inside stories” and prepare for the self guided tour during the second half of the trip.



## 8th-9th Grade Choices Thursday March 23rd

Emergency Response and CPR Course: Learn about and gain skills in the medical and emergency response professions. Begin the day with a presentation from a firefighter who will discuss his profession and how to approach an emergency situation. Continue the day by learning the life saving skill of CPR.

**Martinez**

Road Biking Tour: Join us for a ride along roads people fly from all over the world to cycle! We will cycle up the coast to a secluded fire trail that heads out to a waterfall. We will be sure to take key stops to feast on organic strawberries and burritos. Students will need a bike suitable for riding on a smooth dirt road.

**Koppel, Tropp**



Whale Watching: Head out of Moss Landing harbor on the Sea Goddess, a large vessel ideally suited for photography that includes a spacious and heated cabin and knowledgeable naturalists. This #1 rated tour in the Monterey Bay guarantees whale sightings and regularly sees a wide variety of aquatic mammals, jelly fish, sea birds, and sea turtles.

**Perkins, Pattison**



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Surfing and Beach Games: Join us for a fun day surfing and playing at Cowell's Beach. We will be meeting at the beach in the late morning for some general surf instruction and beach games. We will eat lunch on the beach and spend the afternoon at one of the best beginner waves in the country. This will be a fun and comfortable environment for all to enjoy playing in the ocean. This experience is open to anyone with some surfing experience as well as those interested in learning how to surf. Must be comfortable in the ocean. Bring or rent your own equipment and your lunch.

**Moroso, Poirot**

Kayaking Elkhorn Slough:

Come experience the beauty of a natural California estuary while learning about the seals, sea lions, jellyfish and sea otters that call it home. This protected waterway is a great place to learn how to kayak or perfect your skills.



**Campbell, Doble**

iPadography: Digital Drawing and Manipulation of Photos:

Spend a morning in the art room previewing great iPhone and iPad photos. Learn digital techniques in getting your "best shot." We'll then drive to the Boardwalk to capture colorful images using the class set of iPads. After lunch back at Kirby, we'll walk to nearby Scribbles Institute at the Sash Mill for a comprehensive tutorial in manipulating your photos through digital and hand drawing techniques. You'll become familiar with tools and features of the Paper by FiftyThree app while discovering many new possibilities for creative imagery.

**Terrell, Soetart**

## 6th-9th Choices Friday March 24th

Yoga Retreat: A day long retreat diving deep into Yoga and relaxation practices guided by our own celebrated teacher of embodied arts Beth Riley. Through movement, breath and sound explorations we will begin to uncover new potentials in living from a sense of our wholeness.

**Riley, Ganley**



Tide Pooling, beach/sand art and games: Join us for a day of nonstop fun! We will take a scenic walk along West Cliff Dr. in Santa Cruz, hit the beach for games, art, and getting our feet wet. We will end the day by exploring the tidepools near Natural Bridges, observing all of the fascinating organisms that low tide reveals.

**Kirlin, Hose**

Ranch and Farm Tour: Travel up the coast to visit working farms. Enjoy the day touring farms and working alongside farmers to harvest produce that will be prepared by a collaboration between students and an on-site chef. Share a lunch buffet and discuss food justice and accessibility. Take short stop on the way home to harvest organic strawberries, taste berry jams, and play board games at Swanton Berry farm.

**Martinez, Douglas**

Photography tour: Spend the morning doing a crash course in digital photography learning how to take stunning photos with a DSLR. Then venture out on a nature walk through Henry Cowell to put your newfound skills to use! Don't worry if you don't have a camera, we'll be able to rent one for you. All digital DSLR cameras are welcome (Nikon, Canon, Sony, etc.).

**Koppel, Brooks**



## 6th-9th Choices Friday March 24th

Culinary Arts: Join us in a day of food: preparation, safety, cooking, and of course, eating. Learn from professional chefs with a wide range of experience in local restaurants about knife skills, sanitation, preparation, and presentation. We will focus on casseroles and soups but wait to complete our meal plan until the group has a chance to voice some of their culinary interests.

**Landry, Aggrey**



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**Hernandez, Lee**

Visual FX Workshop: An in-depth look at the art of visual effects and how it has developed from the birth of cinematography to modern movies. Students will walk to Kazee Digital Studio for a lesson in production workflow for green screen visual effects and create their own effects from movies like Star Wars and Harry Potter. Students will work with 3D virtual environments and use 3D camera tracking to bring their effects to life.

**Kazee, Zinman**



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Ropes Course: Team up and work together to complete a series of obstacles and challenges in a low course to start. Once the group is prepared, continue navigating through the more challenging high course in the redwood canopy. Individuals will benefit from exploring their comfort zones within seemingly risky situation through problem solving and overcoming fear. After the ropes course continue your day with some games and a hike.



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**Moroso, Poirot**

## 10th-12th 3-Day Experience Choices

Music in the mountains: If you like singing and if you appreciate music—come to our get-away in the mountains to relax, eat good food (Sephya's cooking), spend some time in nature and in quiet reflection and with friends. This two night/three day retreat will be filled with activities as well as free time.

**Elizai, Taylor**



Embodied Arts: Is a multi-faceted experience of investigating the life we live through the landscape of our bodies. Each day is designed to offer a unique perspective into the creative possibilities that emerge when we are given room to allow our bodies to be included in our moment-to-moment awareness. Fluency in the experiential language of the body is considered a basic human right and a gateway to creative innovation and well-being. We will begin our experience with a day of dance, movement, and medicine and participate in a Dance for Parkinson's class, followed by a vertical dance workshop with internationally renowned site specific dance company Bandaloop company in Oakland and conclude our experience with a yoga retreat guided by our own celebrated teacher of embodied arts Beth Riley. Note: Due to the physical demands of the Bandaloop workshop this program is limited to students with one or more year of regular practice in dance, gymnastics, martial arts or other similar form.

**Ganley, Riley**

### Culinary Arts and Life Skills:

This hands-on experience includes fundamental skills like cooking, shopping, cheese-making, mending, planting, and more. We will create a seasonal menu, learn how to prepare nourishing foods, make and enjoy garden tea. We will develop these skills while also engaging in discussions about place, watching inspiring film segments to broaden our perspective, reading select poetry, and practicing mindfulness. It will be a time to engage our sense of wonder and focus our attention on the miraculous found in the everyday!



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**Overstreet, Douglas**

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Channel Islands Adventure: Snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, fishing, camping. Did you know that one of our nation's most amazing National Parks lies just offshore of Santa Barbara? The Channel islands, not unlike the Galapagos, have fostered the development of species found nowhere else on earth. Begin our journey on a



cruise to Santa Cruz island and have the opportunity to view whales, dolphins, and other marine life. When we land on Santa Cruz island we set up camp in a protected canyon and go on a hike where we will see some of the unique animals found nowhere else on earth like the incredibly cute Island Fox. We will learn about the island's history from the original Chumash inhabitants, the Spanish invasion, as a stint as a penal colony, a ranch, and now as a National Park. We will continue our explorations into the gorgeous Scorpion Harbor where we will have a chance to kayak in the dramatic sea caves, snorkel in the clear waters and fish for our dinner. We'll also have some down time just to enjoy being with each other in this remote and beautiful place on earth. Depart Wednesday morning and return Saturday evening.

**Bartlett, Seales**

Southern California College and Museum Tours: An exploration of Los Angeles colleges and museums; we will visit at least three LA universities, the Getty Center and Getty Villa, Griffith Observatory, and possibly other museums such as the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum. Student input will be considered in deciding exactly which museums and universities we visit. Depart Tuesday night and return Friday night.

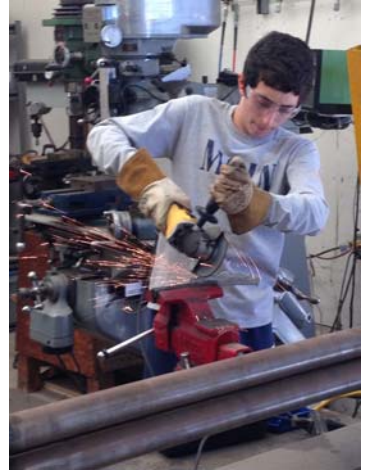


**Olsen, Keynton**

## 10th-12th 3-Day Experience Choices

Metal Working: This is a great opportunity for any student who has ever been intrigued by the art of metalworking! This three-day experience will enlighten students on the basics of welding and other metalworking skills, covering everything from blacksmithing to cutting and grinding to welding, as well as the skills needed for safety in the shop. Students will visit several workshops, getting their hands dirty as they embark on their own journey in the craft, creating pieces they can bring home and show off!

**Johnson, Ashok**



Tech Tours: Kirby is perfectly located next to Silicon Valley, the worldwide center of some of the most exciting technology companies. We will spend three days touring innovative young tech companies, giving you a chance to see the inner workings of a start up business as well as the daily lives of engineers and programmers. We will also visit the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, providing a look at the four decade long history of the modern computer and how it has progressed to become a pivotal part of many of our lives.

**Jackson, Landaverry**

Coastal Camping: Enjoy a fun and low-key camping trip to Coasta Noa adventure eco-resort just up highway 1. Explore the sand dunes, tide pools, and surrounding forests with friends. The trip will offer a variety of experiences including hiking, beach going, environmental learning, campfires, crunchy fun and bonding. Depart on Wednesday morning and return on Friday evening.

**Hanson, Myers**



## 10th-12th 3-Day Experience Choices

Marine Adventures: Join us for three days of marine-related adventures. We'll kayak Elkhorn Slough and learn about its vital role as a bird sanctuary on the Pacific Flyway, spend a day viewing the amazing diversity of marine life at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and finish off our adventure admiring the local and visiting cetaceans on a whale watching excursion.

**Malek, Kirlin**



Backpacking (Henry Coe Park)– Come explore one of the largest and untouched state parks in California. This short three-day trip is perfect for someone interested in learning how to backpack while a seasoned backpacker wouldn't want to miss out on this opportunity to enjoy the spectacular wildflowers, pristine streams, breathtaking vistas, waterfalls, swimming holes and world class trails. Play games around the campfire, cook the best-tasting meals you have ever had, and take the time to enjoy writing, drawing, or napping in a nice shady spot with the relaxing sounds of a creek gurgling near by. Depart Wednesday morning and return Saturday evening.

**Martin, Ginley**



## 10th-12th 3-Day Experience Choices

**Solo Quest:** A six-day personal exploration in the Mohave desert. This experience will include a 2 day/1 night solo that individuals may use as an opportunity to mark their transition into adulthood. This unique experience will provide students with a chance for great personal growth through connection with the natural environment, the support of peers, and the solo experience. This event will include primitive camping and each individual will need basic camping equipment. There will be multiple group meetings leading up to the event, including meetings Dec 20th, Jan 25th, Feb 2nd, March 12th, 18th, 19th, and 20th (meetings are mandatory). The trip is Wed March 22nd-Mon March 27th.



**Must submit an essay/statement about why you would like to participate or why now is the right time (1 page min)— Due Dec 9th.**

**Lee, Schindler, Enos, Bensley**



**Intersession is an opportunity for you to learn for the sake of learning. Develop new skills, immerse yourself in a new place, meet new people, and learn about who you are. When you are having fun exploring, your memories will last a lifetime.**



**The only source of knowledge is experience. - Albert Einstein**

