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ASTROCAMP

Forty-one Heritage Oak eighth grade students and their chaperones had an opportunity to travel to Idyllwild to visit Astrocamp in February. The Astrocamp experience is a hands-on physical science program which focuses on astronomy and space exploration.

Upon arrival, the students enjoyed a camp orientation and a tour of the dorms, followed by a ride on the zipline and a lesson about deep space objects. With all of the recent winter storms, there was plenty of snow on the ground and the students had a blast with the organized scavenger hunt.

The next day, after a wonderful breakfast of waffles, sausage and eggs, the students dove into science. The eighth graders learned the basics of aerodynamics, followed by building their own very creative rockets, which they all had the opportunity to launch. They also learned about energy and lights.

Later on that day, it was time for the team building "Sky Coaster" activity. This activity required a student to be hoisted by his/her team mates nearly forty feet in the air, then released again, so the student would swing high over the ground. It was definitely a test in bravery!

The day concluded with a wild snowball fight between students and chaperones.

*Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeking a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are part of its program that focuses on the development of the whole child.*

*The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.*