

Good views, good friends. The juniors' first stop to kick off their trip was Turtle Bay in Redding. **Max Weitzman** said, "It was a beautiful setting, and it made us feel like this trip is about to begin, and the bonding is about to start."



TIME TO TRAVEL

Country Day High School's Journey of Discovery: A Week of Educational Adventures Across California and Oregon

In early October, the juniors traveled north to Ashland, Oregon, for their annual class trip. In the past, the Ashland trip was for both juniors and seniors; however, this year, the seniors stayed behind to work on college applications. The quaint town of Ashland had several landmarks for students to explore, including Lithia Park, which sprawled over ninety acres of lush trees and grasses.

In addition to creating core memories with classmates, juniors delved into the world of drama at the Ashland Shakespeare Festival, attending performances that included the classic "Romeo and Juliet," which they had previously studied in class.

While visiting, the students watched three plays: "Romeo and Juliet", "The Three Musketeers", and "Rent". These performances were reinterpreted with a unique Ashland flair and were then analyzed by our eleventh graders. Students had to compare Ashland's Romeo and Juliet adaptation, which explored a more modern setting, to the original version they read in class.

Junior **Andrew Burr** offered his insight on

this modern rendition: "I preferred the original play 'Romeo and Juliet' because it was unmolested, meaning that it was not interfered with; I felt like the change in setting to a homeless camp took away from the play's original message."

Away from the stage, the juniors engaged in various activities, exploring the local shops, eateries, and parks. Their creative skills were honed at Talent Maker City, a makerspace in Talent, Oregon. While there, students crafted an assortment of artistic pieces like felted owls, pottery, hats, t-shirts, 3D figures, nameplates, and more. Reflecting on this experience, math teacher Jo French remarked, "I think we got the opportunity to see what we can do with our hands in a lot of different areas. We were exposed to a business that was basically started by an entrepreneur who also had a huge impact on the community. It serves the community service aspect of what they do and the different things we were allowed to explore and create. I think all those things were things that our students could take away from there."



Shining light. Talent Maker City is located in Talent, Oregon, a city devastated by the Alameda Drive Fire in 2020. The small town started to rebuild its community by spreading hope throughout the city and writing positive messages on the fences.



All on Board! Eleventh graders **Andrew Burr** and **Zeland Schroeder** sand their final product in the makerspace workshop. The makerspace allowed the Country Day students to give back to the community through crafts they made.



Stage-bound Adventurers. Juniors gather at the iconic Allen Elizabethan Theater before watching 'The Three Musketeers.' Post-performance, they explored behind the scenes with an exclusive backstage tour.

CABIN FEVER

After a four-year hiatus, the sophomores returned to Greenhorn Dude Ranch. During the trip, the students engaged in a variety of outdoor activities including horseback riding, fishing, line dancing, kayaking, and archery, providing a welcome break from their usual academic routine.

Ella Harbart '26 found an unexpected joy in one of the activities, remarking, "I liked line dancing because I didn't know it was going to be super good at it. And it was fun to do with friends." The evenings at the ranch were spent in a traditional campfire setting, complete with s'mores and songs.

Beyond the structured activities, the students also enjoyed leisure time, which for **Kamron Khodjakhonov '26** meant relaxing with friends. He said, "During my free time, we would go inside the game room play like ping pong, pool, or just go outside and fish."



Zippin' through the trees. The ninth graders participated in many outdoor activities, one of which was ziplining. First-year **Ekram Thiara** said, "It was very fun zipping, especially with the cool view of the lake at one point."



Sophomore Sing-a-long. Sophomores **Ava Dunham**, **Ella Harbart**, and **Ava Levermore** have a blast singing late-night karaoke. Ava Dunham said, "It was really fun to watch the teacher chaperones go up there and perform."



Bullseye! Sophomore **Rehan Afzal** draws back his bow to shoot at his target. When asked about his experience, Afzal said, "I thought archery was one of the best activities we did that day. I especially liked when we used fake animals as targets."



A Girl and Her Horse. Sophomore **Ellie Josephson** hug horse at the Greenhorn Dude Ranch. Horseback riding w one of the many outdoor activities students participated in."I loved seeing the horses and being able to be with them," said Josephson.



Sophomores S'mores. The sophomore class gathers around campfire to roast s'mores. "It was really nice to be able to sit down and be quiet for once. It was a fun way to have a conversation," said **Anika Nadguada**.

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Kimberley Yin - "Free time after going out for the day because I liked the barbecues and hanging out with friends."

Diana Haus - "I really enjoyed doing the ropes course with all my friends, and we even ended up doing all of the activities that were available."

Nolan Wilson - "My favorite activity had to be the cooking competition, which is probably because I won the whole thing. Six whole hours of cooking, but it all worked out in the end."

Nolan Montoya - "Probably just hanging out with friends in the hotel we were staying at. If not that, definitely the ropes course because it was fun doing the actual course and also talking with friends during it."

Ninth Grader's Favorite Trip Activities

