



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child(ren) will be visiting University of California's **Elkus Ranch** soon. We are a working ranch where we raise sheep and goats. We also have chickens, rabbits, horses, cats, and a donkey named Sassy. The ranch is set amid open space with lots of wildlife. This letter is to give you information for the field trip.


 **Waivers are required for all visitors including students, chaperones, and teachers.**


No one will be allowed to participate without a signed waiver.


 UC Elkus Ranch is located on the San Mateo County Coast south of Half Moon Bay and the weather can be unpredictable. Please help your child **dress in layers with closed-toe shoes that can get dirty and wet.**

 Please **send your child with a healthy snack, lunch, and a refillable bottle of water.** Children will eat their snack before the tour begins and we break for lunch by 12:30.

Sorting waste from lunches into bins of **compostables, recyclables**, or items destined for the **landfill** is a part of our culture. We encourage all visitors to bring their snacks and lunches in reusable containers to avoid sending single-use plastics to the landfill.

 If you will be driving, we are located at **1500 Purisima Creek Road** and our driveway is the second on the right with a wooden **UC Elkus Ranch** sign - some navigation applications will mis-direct you. Accurate driving directions are available on our website: <https://elkusranch.ucanr.edu/About/directions/>

 Our driveway is **1-lane but accommodates 2-way traffic. Please drive SLOWLY.** You will drive by some horses and we don't want vehicles to scare or "spook" them. And we have local wildlife that dart across our driveway so please exercise caution for our smaller wild friends as well.

 Chaperones will help focus students' attention and keep everyone moving with the group. Chaperones should have good listening skills, positive attitudes, and openness to new experiences. **We limit the number of chaperones for each class and ask that siblings stay home.** Talk to your teacher if you have questions.



We are looking forward to your child's visit!

Fondly,

UC Elkus Ranch Staff (and animals)