



Safe Education and Recreation for Rural Families

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Dear SERRF Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to SERRF!

This year's theme is "**Ignite Education**"! The SERRF Expanded Learning Program is committed to motivating student learning through the application of the following research-based principles that are aligned with Common Core Standards and reflected in our after school and summer programming:

- Learning is Active
- Learning is Collaborative
- Learning is Meaningful
- Learning Supports Mastery
- Learning Expands Horizons

Additionally, in collaboration with Tehama County Department of Education, we are an official "**No Excuses University**" participant. Through this affiliation, we have established high expectations for student achievement and promote the importance of college and career readiness for all of our Tehama County youth.

Please join us **Thursday, October 26, for "Lights ON,"** the National Celebration for After School Programs, to learn more about SERRF and how we are "igniting" after school this year! Everyone is encouraged to come participate in FUN and engaging STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) activities, alongside your child(ren). You will leave assured, that in SERRF we "Ignite Education by Keeping the Lights ON"! Check with your school site for specific times.

The SERRF program is a grant-funded program that provides daily homework/academic assistance, enrichment activities and recreation for students. In order to uphold **grant standards**, kindergarten through fifth grade students must participate in the full-day of the program every day, and for sixth through eighth grade students, a minimum of nine hours per week and three days a week, except when reasonably utilizing the early release policy. Practice for team sports or other school-sponsored activities can be counted toward the hour requirement, however, students must participate in both the academic and enrichment components to be enrolled. In schools with an established waiting list, children that do not attend the minimum number of hours will be excused from the program to allow space for others. The SERRF Program currently has a waiting list at a number of school sites. **Our goal is to keep your student enrolled in our program, while adhering to grant requirements in order to maintain our funding.**

Additionally, we rely heavily on our low-cost parent fees to sustain quality after school programming. We ask that you PLEASE keep current on your regular fees due! For your convenience, fees can be paid on-line at: www.tehamaschools.org/department/serrf/serrf-payments.

Consistency in attendance is critical to maintaining our maximum level of grant funding. To reinforce this expectation, we will be rewarding students with year-long perfect attendance with an "out of this world" field trip!

We encourage you to check out SERRF current events and other news and information, including beneficial parent workshops, on our website: www.tehamaschools.org/department/serrf. Please do not hesitate to call the SERRF Office if you have further questions or concerns (528-7381).

Sincerely,

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