

California Content
Standards
Hands-On Programs

Making Reservations

Reservations are ongoing throughout the school year. Please call our main Park Office at (831) 649-7109 or email callista.turner@parks.ca.gov

NOTE: Please do NOT leave a reservation request on the above message line; we must speak with you directly to secure a program date for your class!

Program dates are available on most Tuesdays beginning **Mid September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May**. These dates are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



Payment

After your reservation has been confirmed via phone, we require payment of \$275.00 within two weeks to secure your date. Make check out to California State Parks and mail to:
**Monterey State Historic Park,
School Programs
20 Custom House Plaza,
Monterey, CA 93940**

NOTE: Non-payment means your reservation will be canceled and given to the next school on our waiting list. Please let us know if your payment will be late so we can work with you.

Teacher Information Packet:

After payment is received, and before your class visit, you will receive a confirmation letter via email or mail with instructions and information about your program. Please review this information PRIOR to the visit to prepare your class for their trip.

We look forward to sharing California's rich history with you and your class this coming school year!



**California Indian
Rumsien Hands On
School Program**

**Monterey State
Historic Park**



An elementary school program focusing on local California Indian history and culture





Students will be introduced to the traditions of

the Rumsien, the local California Indian group on the Monterey peninsula through “hands-on” learning.

The program is held at the Pacific House Museum in Monterey State Historic Park.

Basic Program Information

Topics covered in our program are based on California State Content Standards for California Third Grade Social Studies Curriculum. Each program is able to accept class sizes of a maximum of **34 students**, provided there is one adult chaperone per six students.

Costs:

A fee of **\$275.00** per class will be charged to cover instructional salaries and materials.

Scholarships & Questions:

Please do not hesitate to call for additional information.

Scholarships are available to offset the cost of bus transportation— please contact Callista Turner at (831) 649-7109; callista.turner@parks.ca.gov for more information.

The California Indian/Rumsien Program offers these activities:

1) Stave Game Activity: Students learn the importance of playing games in the Rumsien culture. Students will learn two traditional Rumsien games— “Hand Game” and “Stave Game” (Stick Dice) and will make a set of staves to keep.

2) Storytelling Activity: Interactive storytelling using puppets and reading skills. Stories are discussed and students gain an understanding of the importance of storytelling to Native Peoples.

3) Acorn Processing Activity. This activity involves acorn pounding, which teaches students about this staple food for the Rumsien people. Students will prepare acorn flour by cracking and grinding acorns, and learn how poisonous tannic acid was leached before consumption.

4) Hunting and Fishing Activity. Students will examine traditional hunting and fishing equipment, and learn how the Rumsien used these tools. Students will play a traditional game, “hoop and pole”, which taught hunting skills.

5) Basketry. Learn about the importance and functions of baskets to the Rumsiens. Students will make their own basket to take home.

Schedule for the Day

9:30 a.m. 9:25 a.m.—Arrive at Pacific House

Museum, entrance facing Custom House Plaza.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—

Class is divided into three even groups to rotate through the following 25-minute activity stations:

- 1) Storytelling
- 2) Stave Game
- 3) Acorn Processing

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—

Class is divided into two even groups to rotate through the following half-hour stations:

- 1) Hunting and Fishing Activity
- 2) Basketry

At the end of this program, students are invited to eat lunch at the picnic tables in the upper Custom House Plaza grass area.