

About Rancho Peralta Life

Thank you for your interest in the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park.

The **Rancho Peralta Life** program is a 3 hour fieldtrip that immerses your students in the daily lives of the Californio people. The students hear a short introduction that familiarizes them with California's Hispanic history. (15 min.)

We then break into 2 groups. The groups take turns having a short tour of our outdoor exhibits (an exercise designed to get them talking about the topic) while the other group has a snack & restroom break. While the students are having their breaks and tours, we train the chaperones to run the various activity stations. (30 min.) After the tours, snacks, and chaperone training, the students hear about life on the Rancho and what they will do during their visit. (10-15 min.)

After that we break into 5 groups and start the stations which include:

- **Feeding the Rancho:** where they use mano y metates and molcajetes to make tortillas and tea.
- **Ranch Work:** where they see pictures of vaqueros then dip candles and climb into a saddle and throw the riata (lasso) at our straw calf.
- **Adobe Homes:** where they see many examples of adobe clay construction from around the world then make three miniature adobe bricks.
- **The Fandango:** where they see images of Californios at the Fandango and then try on Californio style costumes and learn to dance "La Yucca".
- **Rancho Toys & Games:** where they make their own corn husk dolls and then play with rancho toys and games.
- After that we come together for a quick wrap-up, then it's on to lunch.

This program is offered on a sliding scale to accommodate as many Bay Area school children as possible. The scale runs from \$10-15.

In order to do this program **you must bring 6 chaperones, who are ready to work.** Please do not bring more than 10.

We strongly suggest that you bring a camera to take pictures of the students in their costumes. Many teachers use them as prompts in a writing assignment about, "My Life on the Rancho".

We ask that you bring your payment with you unless you are using a Purchase Order.

The program runs from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Tues-Friday. We can take as many as 40 students per session.

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