



High Trails Outdoor Science School

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To: Doug Jensen, OCOSS
Re: Website Concerns

February 28, 2011

Hi Doug;

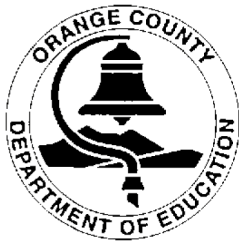
Thanks again for talking with me on the phone last week about your concerns regarding the webpage <http://www.thehightrailsway.com/OERReview.html>. As we state on the page itself, we do encourage you to contact us if you feel like your school is not accurately represented. I just took a quick look through the website <http://ito.ocde.us/Programs/OutdoorScienceSchool.htm> to verify your concerns; you can see my findings below.

- **Online Enrollment:** <http://ito.ocde.us/ito/SignIn.asp> - you do have online enrollment, and we have updated this on the above webpage.
- **Adventure Classes:** <http://ito.ocde.us/Programs/OutdoorScienceSchool/Curriculum.htm> - I see no mention of adventure classes like Climbing, Archery, etc.
- **Teambuilding is a primary focus:** <http://ito.ocde.us/Programs/OutdoorScienceSchool/Curriculum.htm> - I see no mention of teambuilding.
- **Instruction provided for all day and night programs:** <http://ito.ocde.us/FAQ/OutdoorScienceSchool.htm> - from your website "*Teachers lead academic hikes and help supervise science sessions and other activities. Teachers also help supervise students at meals.*" "*Do I have free time during the week? Teachers have free time every evening after dinner and have breaks between meals and activities.*" From this I gather that you require your visiting school teachers to lead and supervise program. Therefore, instruction is not provided by you for all day and night programs.
- **Instructors with college degrees:** <http://www.edjoin.org/JobDescription.aspx?descriptionID=829> - from your website's job description requirements: "Completion of two years of study at a college or university or an Associate of Arts degree". I have amended our webpage to state "bachelor's degrees" to avoid the confusion of a 2 year versus a 4 year college degree.
- **Overnight instructors with college degrees:** see above.

Please let me know if I'm interpreting your website information incorrectly; we do want to make certain that anything we state on our website is based upon facts. Please contact me at 909 855-0782 or drizzt@thehightrailsway.com with more questions.

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SEE BELOW: Original letter to High Trails from Orange County Outdoor Science School



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From: Doug Jensen, Principal

Re: Competition Comparison on your High Trails Web Page

In researching your comparison chart on your competition, concerning Inside the Outdoors Outdoor Science School, the following needs to be corrected:

General Area: We are located in Forest Falls and Running Springs areas.

- We do have "On-line" enrollment.
- We do have "adventure classes."
- "Teambuilding" is definitely a primary focus of our program.
- We provide instruction for all programs, including day and night.
- We do have "Instructors" with college degrees.
- We do have "Overnight Instructors" with college degrees.

Please make the appropriate changes by the end of February, 2011 or I will forward this for further action to our legal department. If you have further questions, you may call me at (909) 792-5163.

Regards,

Doug Jensen, Principal
Inside the Outdoors, Outdoor Science School

C: Ellin Chariton, Executive Director, School and Community Services
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