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Dear Fourth Grade Teachers,

Mission San Diego de Alcalá, California's First Mission, invites you to visit this National and State Historic Landmark with your students during this 2016 - 2017 school year.

In order to facilitate and expedite the tour reservation process, we are now accepting reservations online, please visit our website www.missionsandiego.org to book your tour today. We have already booked tours into 2017, so we encourage you to book early.

Our docents are ready to guide you through the mission grounds. We have made several changes over the last year including a rebuilding of the ewaa, the Kumeyaay hut. The branches were meticulously cut, formed and proudly built by a member of Kumeyaay people. Let your students actually get inside this hut that would have housed a family of four. Our Casa de Los Padres, earliest surviving walls on site, has had wall renovation and restoration work done and serves as an example of mission life. Our two dioramas, designed and executed by a noted archaeologist also enhance the learning experience. In the Casa, we have a display of event drawings which are colorized versions of original metal etchings used in the early 1900's by Zephyrin Engelhardt, O.F.M, who chronicled documented primary source material which serve as a basis for our tours.

Our tours will concentrate on Mission history beginning with Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542 and ending with the rebuilding of the present church in 1931. We will address cross-cultural differences and specifically the happenings specific to Mission San Diego. Additionally, the tours will concentrate on artifacts and architecture as related to Mission history.

Your students will be invited to ask questions and to interact with the docents.

We look forward to your visit.

Janet Bartel

Docent Co-ordinator