



# SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY

SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA • RIMROCK, ARIZONA

*Where You Belong*



# A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER



**SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY OFFERS YOU SOMETHING UNIQUE AND SPECIAL.** It's more than a place to maximize your learning, explore new interests, develop new talents, and prepare for the college of your choice. It's also a place where you will belong. Our close-knit community of students and teachers provides a warm, supportive environment and personal attention.

My father, Maurice Veronda, founded Southwestern in 1924 among acres of orange groves in San Marino, California. Forty years later, we added the Beaver Creek Ranch Campus in Rimrock, Arizona, in a dazzling redrock canyon. For all these years, we have proudly taught, nurtured, and shaped generations of young people. Today, it operates as an independent, nonprofit organization under my direction.

Though much has changed at Southwestern Academy during that time, the most important things have remained constant. The caring faculty, enthusiastic staff, active sports teams and clubs continue to help each student find his or her place in our community. Come see for yourself how good it feels at Southwestern.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Kenneth Veronda".

Kenneth Veronda, *Headmaster*





## A PLACE TO BELONG

Coming from all over the United States and around the globe, up to 200 students arrive at Southwestern Academy each year to attend grade 6 through 12. By graduation time, they have prepared for college, expanded their horizons, and made lifelong friendships. They have found a place to belong. Maybe it's your place too.



### *Challenging Academics*

Southwestern Academy is a place where you can find your fit, both academically and socially. The classes are small, from eight to twelve students each, so you won't get lost in the crowd. You'll be able to work to your highest potential in classes that are grouped by achievement instead of age. The caring faculty is dedicated to your success. Together, you and your teachers will work hard to prepare you for college . . . and beyond.



### *Two Unique Campuses*

Southwestern offers two distinct environments for you to learn and grow. The San Marino Campus is the picture of historic elegance, set in a safe suburb near Pasadena and metropolitan Los Angeles. In the neighboring state of Arizona, Beaver Creek Ranch Campus is a nature lover's paradise just outside the stunning city of Sedona. With its coordinated studies and identical curriculum, students can spend a week, a month, or a semester at the other campus without missing any classes or losing credit. With accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Southwestern Academy falls into the category of a well-prepared educational institution.



### *Extracurricular Activities*

Whether you are interested in painting or hiking, music or volleyball, Southwestern offers exciting opportunities. Creativity is nurtured in a wide variety of arts and music courses, while sports and outdoor activities keep your body as active as your mind. With many different clubs, leadership opportunities, and community service, you will find your place in any activity.

## YOU BELONG IN SMALL CLASSES

At Southwestern Academy, you will work hard and learn more than you thought possible. Our personalized approach makes the difference, whether you are a highly motivated learner already, or a bright student with good capabilities who could be doing better.

### *Small Class Size*

The key to unlocking your learning potential is our small class size. At Southwestern Academy, you'll be in classes of eight to twelve students in a close-knit learning community. The result is the ability to focus more easily without distractions, and allows teachers to give you truly personalized attention. They will work with you every step of the way, encouraging and motivating you to do your best.

### *Working to Your Potential*

The curriculum is rigorous at Southwestern, and our students must push themselves. With our diverse mix of international and American students, you will be inspired by your classmates' work ethic and stimulated by their viewpoints. Academic achievement is not based on competition; your studies are highly individualized. Since classes are grouped by achievement, students learn at their own pace. If you're a freshman and ready for Algebra II with the juniors, you can take it because your teachers know you can handle it.



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# BALANCED CURRICULUM

We pride ourselves on a college preparatory curriculum that provides a well-rounded education. Coursework at Southwestern is based on University of California entrance requirements.

Subject Areas	Credits Required for a College Recommending Diploma
History & Social Studies	30 credits with 10 credits required in U.S. History, 10 in World Cultures/ Geography, 5 in U.S. Government, 5 in Economics.
English	40 credits, including at least a year of literature. Our students must take an English class each semester, even if 40 credits in English have been earned already. All English classes will include frequent writing and the reading of literature.
Mathematics	30 credits required, 40 preferred, including elementary and advanced algebra, geometry, and advanced math.
Laboratory Sciences	30 credits, 40 suggested, in lab science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these areas: biology, chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics. Earth/space science courses are acceptable if they require or include basic knowledge in biology, chemistry, or physics.
A Language Other Than English	20 credits of the same language; 30 credits preferred.
Visual & Performing Arts	10 credits in music, visual art, drama/theater.
Electives	50 credits minimum, of which at least 10 must be college preparatory courses.
Physical Education	40 credits (sports, varsity teams, and/or physical exercise).
Community Service	100 hours minimum completed during high school years.

# COLLEGE PREPARATION

One of our most important goals is to prepare you for college—not simply to be accepted, but also to succeed there. Our students develop solid study habits, time management skills, and self- reliance. Finally, you’ll receive appropriate college counseling to help you find the right one for your needs and interests. Once you’ve decided on your top schools, we’ll guide you through the application process. If you need more time to develop your skills, a postgraduate year of study is available.

WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE A 100% COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE RATE.

### A Sample of Colleges and Universities that have admitted our Southwestern Graduates:

- Art Center College of Design
  - Arizona State University
  - Boston University
  - Cal State Universities—all 23 campuses
  - California Lutheran University
  - Dominican University of California
  - Drexel University
  - Florida Institute of Technology
  - Illinois Institute of Technology
  - Indiana University Bloomington
  - Loyola Marymount University
  - Loyola University New Orleans
  - Massachusetts College of Pharmacology & Health Sciences
  - Menlo College
  - Mount Holyoke College
  - Mount St. Mary’s University
  - New York University
- Northeastern University
  - Occidental College
  - Ohio Wesleyan University
  - Oregon State University
  - Pasadena City College
  - Pepperdine University
  - Pitzer College
  - Purdue University
  - San Francisco State University
  - San Jose State University
  - Siena College
  - Simmons College
  - St. Johns University
  - Stony Brook University
  - Suffolk University
  - SUNY Empire State University
  - Syracuse University
  - University of California—all nine campuses
- University of Colorado-Boulder
  - University of Delaware
  - University of Illinois at Chicago
  - University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign
  - University of La Verne
  - University of Massachusetts Boston
  - University of Miami
  - University of Southern California
  - University of Rochester
  - University of San Diego
  - University of San Francisco
  - University of Texas at El Paso
  - University of the Pacific
  - University of Washington
  - Whittier College
  - Woodbury University
  - Worcester Polytechnic Institute



View the most recent College/ University listing here: [www.southwesternacademy.edu/college-counseling](http://www.southwesternacademy.edu/college-counseling)

“As teachers, we offer our students the chance to be what they want to be. What they can be. It’s not going to be easy. They have to work hard. But we are here to help them.”

## OUR FACULTY

Our teachers understand the positive impact they have on a young person’s life. They teach students, not just educationally but also for life outside of school, and take pride in seeing their students’ progress. It’s not uncommon for Southwestern teachers to receive letters from former students saying, “Thank you for believing in me.”

### Faculty Profile

There are 24 teachers on the San Marino Campus and 9 on the Beaver Creek Ranch Campus. The faculty members are a diverse group including seasoned veterans and enthusiastic young teachers. Their common ground is a passion for teaching.

### Personalized Attention

Your teachers earnestly want you to succeed and will take extra time with you as needed. As a Southwestern student, personal tutoring is available from your teachers who welcome you into their offices for extra assistance. The faculty has had notable successes with students who had not been working up to their potential.



## HIGHLIGHTS

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| • Year Founded              | 1924   |
| • Grades                    | 6–12 and Postgraduate                                  |
| • School Type               | Co-Ed, Boarding, and Day                               |
| • Student Teacher Ratio     | 6:1  |
| • Academic Programs Offered | College Preparatory, ESL, Summer Programs              |
| • Locations                 | San Marino, California and Rimrock, Arizona            |
| • Accreditation             | The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) |



# SAN MARINO CAMPUS

On the San Marino Campus, near Pasadena in Southern California, students enjoy a safe, peaceful environment with all the exciting learning and entertainment opportunities of a vibrant big city nearby. Junior high and high school students come to San Marino for our college preparatory academic program, while international students learn English in our ESL Program before moving into mainstream classes.

## *An Ideal Location for Learning*

Southwestern Academy's original campus is located on eight acres in the city of San Marino with its gracious homes. The Los Angeles metropolitan area is a learning laboratory for our students, offering a range of museums, theaters, concerts, and more as a field trip destination. Our location also offers warm and usually sunny weather to aid in making the learning environment pleasurable.

## *San Marino Facilities*

Southwestern Academy opened in a former governor's mansion in a vast orange grove just over 95 years ago. Today, eight red-roofed buildings circle the sports field, where you might play a soccer match against another school. Or you may find yourself playing a jazz concert in Lincoln Hall, which also contains nine classrooms, a science lab, library, and computer center.

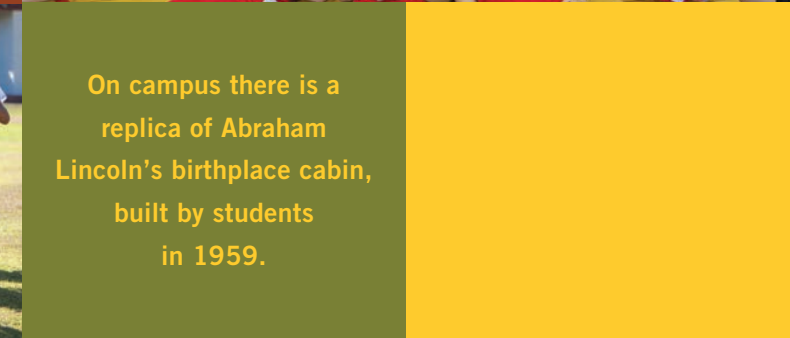
The renovated Washington Gym houses the volleyball/ basketball court and a weight room and an upstairs seating area. Just near the gym, students bring life to musical instruments, 3-D printing designs, digital cameras, acrylic paints, and grand pianos in the music and arts complex. Vegetable and flower gardens, a chapel, tennis courts, and an outdoor amphitheater rounds out our campus.

## *Dormitories and Dining*

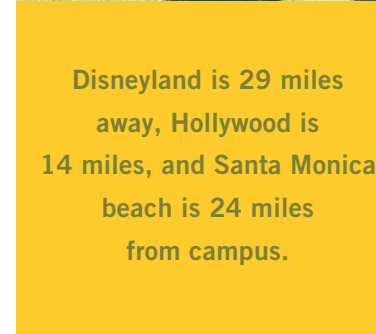
Your dorm room is home for up to four students. There are four boys' dorms on campus, and the girls' dorms are a mile south of the main campus. A laundry room and television lounge is near each dorm, while dorm parents live in adjoining apartments. Meals are served family style, with students and teachers dining together during hot and hearty, buffet-style breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. On warm days, barbecue lunches come out from the grill.



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On campus there is a replica of Abraham Lincoln's birthplace cabin, built by students in 1959.



Disneyland is 29 miles away, Hollywood is 14 miles, and Santa Monica beach is 24 miles from campus.



There are 74 fruit trees on our 8-acre campus in San Marino, some from the original orange groves.

# BEAVER CREEK RANCH CAMPUS

In Northern Arizona, Southwestern Academy provides a learning experience that incorporates the beautiful natural environment into a high school curriculum. Limited to 50 boarding students to maximize personal attention, this campus offers college preparatory academic classes for grades 9-12 and English as a Second Language Program.

## *A Beautiful Location*

The city of Sedona is an international tourist destination that attracts more than four million visitors per year. The area is known around the world for its art galleries and spectacular scenery. Many films and commercials are shot on location here in Sedona, which has been a hotspot for Hollywood celebrities. Southwestern Academy's Beaver Creek Ranch is 12 miles from this unique city, surrounded by National Forest lands. The campus offers a safe environment and moderate weather, between desert and mountain.

## *Beaver Creek Ranch*

Set in a deep red rock canyon, you'll find a school like no other, where nature provides the ultimate learning laboratory for our full college prep curriculum. History, Geology, Archaeology, and Art lessons are experienced everywhere on campus.

Set on 180 acres, the private ranch was originally built as a fashionable hunting lodge. Soak in the rustic charm of the Rimrock Room, with its rough—hewn timber ceilings and adobe fireplace, decorated with Native American pottery. The main study hall is modeled after a “Hogan”, or a circular family home of the Dine or Navajo American Indian people.

## *Facilities*

The Beaver Creek Ranch Campus offers dorm rooms that accommodate one to four people. Meals are served in the dining room and sometimes in the charming courtyard where picnics are also popular.

A lounge with a huge fireplace is a favorite spot for students to watch movies. Seven stone cottages are home to faculty and staff, set along trout-filled Beaver Creek. Two fishing ponds, pastures, prehistoric Indian caves, and a favorite swimming hole in the creek can be found on campus. Even in this remote, rugged environment you can contact friends and family.

The creek that runs through campus is stocked with trout for fishing.



Meals enjoyed by students, faculty and staff usually include ingredients from the campus' organic garden.



Students have star-gazing parties at our deep-space viewing telescope housed above the campus.



## *Activities*

You can learn to ride and care for horses or swing on a rope over the creek and drop in for a swim. Our indoor pool is heated if you like warmer water. The campus offers a full program of sports, including golf, and a full range of art classes. Wildlife including mule deer, bighorn sheep, and javelin, can be seen on hikes. Other recreation opportunities including camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, and backpacking.



*“I live in a little piece of the world. I never thought I would be a part of an international boarding school and meet so many people with interesting backgrounds. I have made many friends, and it has increased my desire to travel.”*

## OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Everyone is made to feel welcome at Southwestern. Whatever your heritage, you are an important member of our community. On our small campuses, all students participate, contribute, and belong.

You'll arrive at Southwestern as a citizen of your country and leave here as a citizen of the world. The small class sizes allow you to interact with students from many different cultures and make treasured friendships in the process. In addition, our monthly International Nights showcase the food and culture of a specific region, prepared by students from that country. You'll see firsthand how our cultures are different yet alike and learn how to understand others' viewpoints. Our graduates have found their experience with diverse cultures valuable in the workforce and sought after by employers.

### *Traditions and Events*

- Theme Dress Days
- International Dinner Nights
- House Team Competitions
- ArtsFest
- Anniversary Antics
- Annual Track and Field Meet
- The Prom
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion and Commencement
- Annual Drama Production
- Sports Award Dinner
- Concerts



## YOU BELONG IN OUR LEADERSHIP & ARTS PROGRAMS

At Southwestern there are dozens of opportunities to try new experiences and learn to work with others. You may join clubs, explore in the arts, and participate in student government. You will also find out how good it feels to help preserve our environment and support people in need. Community Service is an important part of the Southwestern culture.

### *Student Government*

You may have never thought of holding a leadership position in student government. Most of our student leaders hadn't either . . . until they came to Southwestern. The student government plans fun events for the students and coordinates the different clubs. All positions help you to learn how to lead and represent others effectively.

### *The Visual Arts*

The Visual Arts Program at Southwestern lets you express yourself in many creative forms: drawing, painting, photography, computer graphics, multimedia, fashion design, film, and web design. Our well-equipped studios include Apple computers and PC's with software such as Adobe, Illustrator, Photoshop, Final Cut, and more.

Most recently, our students have been creating Sunspots, student made videos that report on the week's highlights, so family overseas can tune in and see what their student is doing.

You may enjoy working on the school yearbook, The Confab, or publishing your work in Southwestern's creative writing and art magazine, Seeds. These publications have been printed at Southwestern since 1924.

### *The Performing Arts*

Southwestern offers choral and instrumental music instruction, where you'll regularly perform in concerts, choir, or band. There's also music history, theory, and composition class, where students write their own songs using current software and computers. The music studios on both campuses have the latest technology as well as grand pianos.



To view SunSpots visit [www.youtube.com/user/SouthwesternVideos](https://www.youtube.com/user/SouthwesternVideos)

## YOU BELONG ON A TEAM AND IN THE OUTDOORS

Southwestern students are a community in the classroom, on the sports field, and in the outdoors. It's all about teamwork, whether you are passing the soccer ball or passing a water bottle on a long hike.

### *Sports Teams*

Everyone has the chance to be a superstar on a Southwestern sports team, no matter what your previous experience. You'll have the opportunity to compete, even if your goal is only to have a good time. At Southwestern, everyone plays.

We play boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity sports against other schools in our leagues—our teams are called the Southwestern Sun. In fact, we have won many championships in soccer, cross country, baseball, volleyball, basketball, and track. We compete in the California Interscholastic Federation and the Northern Arizona Sports Conference.

### *Sports Facilities*

Sports facilities on the San Marino Campus include a newly renovated gym, soccer field, baseball diamond with dugout and batting cage, indoor and outdoor volleyball, basketball and tennis courts. The Beaver Creek Ranch Campus also has an active sports program and facilities include a soccer field and a gym with basketball and volleyball courts. Other opportunities are available in golf, swimming, tennis, weight training, and horseback riding.

### *Outdoor Experiences*

With the Beaver Creek Ranch Campus set in a wilderness area, every day offers an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of nature. You can also participate in outdoor skills workshops including camping, hiking, astronomy, land navigation, and first aid skills. Day hikes are popular, with trips to prehistoric caves above the red rock cliffs. Mountain bikes and fishing poles are available, and camping trips are offered on many weekends.

You will find plenty of outdoor opportunities on the San Marino Campus as well. The Environmental Club regularly plans visits, hikes, and camping trips to locations such as the beach, Mount Baldy, Anza Borrego, the Channel Islands, and more.



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# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, POSTGRADUATE, AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

In addition to our standard academic curriculum, three special programs are offered at Southwestern: our English as a Second Language program, a Postgraduate year, and Summer Adventures program. They are offered on both Southwestern campuses.

## ESL Program

In our close-knit environment, international students are part of our community. For more than 60 years, students from countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Mexico, and Central and South America have come to Southwestern to learn English and prepare to attend an American university. International students live on campus, and quickly make friends with all.

Once you arrive at Southwestern, we test your English skills so we can place you in the appropriate class: beginning, intermediate, or advanced. In your class, you will practice listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, reading, writing, vocabulary, conversation, and note taking. While you're learning English, you will also be taking classes in topics such as mathematics, art, and music. In the higher levels, you can take classes to help you transition to mainstream literature, writing, science, and history. Once proficient in English, you will move into our mainstream high school classes.

## Postgraduate Year

After graduation, some students find they need more time to be ready for college-level work. They may need to improve their English language skills or take higher level classes during an extra year of preparation. They emphasize independent study, directed reading, critical thinking, and writing.

## Summer Programs

Summer is an exciting time at Southwestern Academy. Our Summer Adventures program combines classroom education with fun activities. You can enjoy summer while earning school credits toward graduation. Intensive courses in ESL as well as SAT and TOEFL preparation are also available.

Held on the San Marino and the Beaver Creek Ranch Campus, Summer Adventures is offered for grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Our small classes and enthusiastic faculty will help you accelerate your studies. There are many opportunities for good times, including afternoon sports and weekly field trips. You will end the summer with improved academic skills, new friends from around the world, and plenty of great memories.

# COME SEE IF YOU BELONG AT SOUTHWESTERN

We invite you to find out more about our Southwestern Academy community.

## Visit Us in Person

The best way to get to know Southwestern Academy is by visiting us. You can tour our campuses, see a class in action, talk to other students, and even stay in a dorm room for an overnight experience. To set up an appointment, please call or email the Admissions Office.

## Visit Our Website

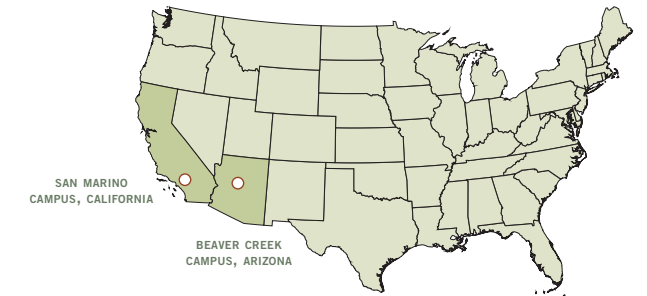
If you can't visit us in-person, visit us virtually on our website, **[www.SouthwesternAcademy.edu](http://www.SouthwesternAcademy.edu)**

## Apply

You are invited to apply online or download the application material from our website. Southwestern Academy offers admission at any time of the year when space permits. The application materials, as well as specific information on application procedures for our school year, ESL, and Summer Programs are available under the Admissions link of our website.

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*Southwestern Academy is a nonprofit, nonsectarian school admitting students of any race, color, nation or ethnic origin, or sex, in the administration of its educational admissions, athletics, or other school-administered program. Southwestern is approved for international student attendance by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*





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**Virtual Tour of Our Campus**

San Marino  
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Rimrock, Arizona (Beaver Creek)  
<https://goo.gl/maps/x9EnUeaeEiR2>

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