OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS:
In 2012, the University obtained state funds to build a new 32-bed dormitory complex on the west side of the Sedgwick field station. But as of Nov 2012, housing for overnight users of the reserve is currently limited to 21 beds located in three facilities – the ranch house (11 single beds and 1 king sized bed), two tent cabins (8 beds), and a single occupant apartment at the art studio (1 twin bed).

Ranch house shared housing – 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, with 4, 4 and 3 beds respectively, sleep 11 total. Fitted top sheets are provided but guests will need to bring their own linens (or a sleeping bag), towel, toiletries etc.

Private Housing - Bedding and towels are provided in the private room in the ranch house (king sized bed) and in the studio apartment (twin sized bed). You may wish to bring their own bedding as these rooms are infrequently used (if so, the shared room rate will be extended). Each has a private bathroom.

Tent cabins – There are two rustic tent cabins, each with 4 beds. There is no electricity or heating in the tent cabins and are not advised for winter use (Nov-March). Battery operated lanterns hang in each. Fitted top sheets are provided but campers will need to bring their own linens (or a sleeping bag), towel, toiletries etc. The restroom facilities available for the tent cabin/camping area are also rustic – a 4 stall shower house and 2 pit toilets, both within walking distance of the sleeping quarters.

The field station is dark at night so remember to bring a flashlight or headlamp!

POST-USE CLEANING
We are dependent on our users to leave the facilities they use in the same condition they find them. Cleaning supplies, top sheets for the single beds, drinking water and cooking utensils are provided in each of the overnight facilities but keep in mind that we’re located in a rustic setting, our facilities are used infrequently and we do not have a full time cleaning or maintenance staff. For these reasons we encourage event planners to come early and give the facilities they will be using a “once over” to get them ready for use. A cleaning checklist will be provided to groups that stay over in our housing; failure to clean/fill out the checklist will result in a $100 cleaning fee. As a reference guide, plan on cleaning 1 hour for every night you stay.

WATER
In 2010, the University obtained state funds to bring potable water to Sedgwick’s facilities. The new water system is being planned and will be completed in 2013. But as of Nov 2012, water remains unsafe to drink in the ranch house, studio and around the field station. Water is drawn from a 1950’s era agricultural well and annual water quality tests reveal a high coliform bacteria count that may cause intestinal discomfort if ingested. Drinking water is provided via Arrowhead dispensers located in all public areas.

The water is safe for bathing and washing dishes though we recommend that you remind your group to be careful not to drink the water, and to let dishes air dry before using them again. The water in the Tipton Meeting House comes from another source and is fully potable.
ADA ACCESS
The Tipton Meeting house is fully wheelchair accessible, starting with parking on the west side of the building and both bathrooms being fully ADA accessible. The ranch house, studio and field station are not, although all buildings are single story and connected by hard surfaces.

FIRES
Fireplaces are located in the studio classroom, Tipton’s Clarke Hall, and in the ranch house. An outdoor fire pit is located at the studio patio. There are two barbeques – a smaller propane grill at the ranch house and a large wood/briquette BBQ on the studio patio. Wood and propane are provided. All can be used except during times of high fire danger in the summer.

LOCAL HOTELS
There are many hotel accommodations in the surrounding communities of Buellton, Santa Ynez and Solvang all within a 20 minute commute. Visit visitthesantaynezvalley.com to see a complete list.

MEALS
Appliances, cooking utensils and cutlery are available in the Tipton Kitchen, inside cabinets on the studio patio and in the ranch house kitchen. Do not count on staples such as cooking oil, spices etc being available – bring them with you!
There is an industrial sized coffee maker and serving carafes in the Tipton Kitchen for those renting Clarke Hall. You will need to bring your own ground coffee.
If you choose to have your stay catered you must hire a UC approved caterer – the current list is on the Contact menu under ‘forms’ page of the Sedgwick website. Several local deli’s will take phone orders and deliver to the front gate: paninorestaurants.com, elranchomarket.com and pizzashackonline.com

ARRANGING HIKES/TOURS
We offer three ways to share information about the Reserve while groups are visiting Sedgwick.

1. A brief (15 minute) orientation upon arrival given by a reserve staffer (a good opportunity to collect waivers or have them signed by participants).

2. An orientation and field station tour that can be given any time during your stay (though preferably early in the day/stay). The orientation can be tailored to time availability (15 to 45 minutes). The walking tour takes an additional 30 minutes and requires walking on unpaved surfaces for a total of .25 miles.

3. Docents can be scheduled in advance to lead hike(s) of the reserve. Hikes can be tailored to time availability and group interest/fitness (1 hour to half day). Several readily accessible trails leave from the field station; with more time and high clearance vehicles the upper half of the reserve can be accessed.

Note that visitors are not permitted to leave the field station to explore the reserve without a docent guide.

RATES
Buildings are rented by the day; overnight stays are charged per person by the night. We cannot bill users individually. A bill will be sent to the group’s lead applicant a week or two following your stay at the Reserve. A list of current reserve rates is posted on the website under the ‘Visiting’ tab > ‘Using Reserve Facilities’ page.