

A Student Reflects on Camp

"Camp will always be with me. It was as if the memory was written on my heart with sharpie never wearing away. I loved camp and I will always remember it all through my years. It has taught me life values that, changed me for the better. Now walking through the forest, I don't just see a bunch of trees. I see a whole other world. "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints in our hearts, and we're never ever the same". That's how I feel camp was!"

Hayden Cross-Schroeder CWE class of 2012



Safety

Student health and safety is of utmost importance. Thousands of students attend CAMP ORKILA every year. It is a place that pays a lot of attention to student safety. Supervision and procedures to deal with emergencies are well thought out.

Sometimes parents have expressed concerns about various health needs. We work closely with parents and the YMCA to provide the appropriate support, whether it is food, medication or other services.

Who Goes to Camp

All Sixth Grade students generally go to camp. The Sixth Grade teachers go as the School Directors. We bring high school counselors to be with small groups of students.

Generally one to two parents come with us. Parents help with some of the tasks, such as conducting cabin inspections (for points) and supervising KP before and after meals. Parents usually do not stay in the open air cabins with students.

The Camp is staffed by a large cadre of environmental education professionals, generally just out of college. Many of them aspire to future careers in public education.

Cedar Way Outdoor School Sept. 30-Oct. 3

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Inside you will find:

- Program information
- What we need from you before school is out

Purpose

Outdoor school is perhaps the most memorable feature of a child's elementary school years. The program is considered part of elementary education in the state of Washington because it is a hands-on experience that children will draw upon in their deeper studies of science as they progress through school. It is truly hard to understand the environment from just reading about it. The out-

door school program also provides a rich experience that builds the classroom community for the school year. Many activities throughout the school year will relate to this shared experience, including writing and science.



Descending from a successful climb

Program Outline

The program is located at YMCA Camp Orkila, one of the most beautiful and respected camps in the country. Orkila is located in the San Juan Islands.

Students stay in supervised cabins and attend 4 action filled classes a day. We have one recreation period a day where archery, boating, crafts and group games are offered. In the evening, we have another group activity that inspires the students.

Meals are prepared by very professional staff, providing appealing meals with some choice. Students who have special dietary needs can be accommodated.

Cost

The cost of camp varies depending on the number of students who go. At the present time the cost is \$230 per student.

A \$100 deposit is due now. The full amount will be due before camp. Your current Ent. Book profits can go towards the deposit.

Fund raising opportunities exist. We will be selling entertainment books at the beginning of the school.

Medical plans: if your child will be taking medication at camp, please download or ask for a form that you will need your provider to sign.

[Medications Form](#)

Registration is Required Now

Planning is now underway for next year's program. We need to give the YMCA firm numbers, arrange for counselors and make other decisions. With this in mind, we need families to register now and to make a deposit so we can make a deposit with the YMCA. Also we need information about any special needs that the YMCA staff or we need to plan for. Please fill out the form below and make a check to the Edmonds School District for the deposit amount.

A limited number of parents interested in coming to camp may do so for the same price as students. Please indicate an interest in being considered for this role on the registration form.

Student's name _____

Special Dietary needs _____ Will medications be taken at camp? _____

Parent's name _____

I want to help with the Sixth Grade Parent Group

I need additional information

Parent's to be shared with parent group email _____

Enclosed is my deposit # of Ent books sold _____

Parent interested in attending (space limited)

**Return deposit and registration form in envelop
By September 1.**