

September 24, 2009

Important Information on Outdoor Camp – Please Read.

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

We are planning Outdoor Camp for 6th grade Chase Lake Students for this school year. This is a wonderful educational experience and community building opportunity for your child. This year, Outdoor Camp will be held at IslandWood on Bainbridge Island, WA (35 minute ferry ride from Seattle ferry dock followed by a 10 minute drive to campus). IslandWood is a unique 255-acre outdoor learning center designed to provide exceptional learning experiences and to inspire lifelong environmental and community stewardship. Please feel free to visit their website at <http://islandwood.org> and check it out! **Camp Dates are January 19-21, 2010.**

Last year, some of our 5th graders (now 6th graders!) participated in a See's candy fundraiser to earn tuition toward their camp fee. If your child participated, enclosed is a recap on what your student earned and the balance remaining toward their tuition. We are also organizing additional fundraisers so stay tuned!

There are two upcoming events you will want to know about to learn more about Outdoor Camp:

- Thursday, October 1st, 6:15 to 6:50 - Curriculum Night. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and receive information on what your child will be learning this year.
- Monday, December 7th, at 6:30 pm - Outdoor Camp Parent Information Night in the Chase Lake library. Please plan to attend this informative meeting as we will cover permission slips/release forms, any necessary health forms, behavioral expectations, and answer any questions you may have. There will also be a representative from camp for a camp presentation.

Lastly, we are in need of a few chaperones. There are a few important requirements to being a chaperone that you will want to consider:

- Must be willing to be in a group that does not include your child (parents can be with their child in the same lodge at night).
- Chaperones must commit for the entire stay - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Jan 19-21)
- Must be physically fit to keep up with kids on a large campus.
- Must be willing to follow IslandWood rules: no smoking, no alcohol, no outside guests, etc.
- Be a great role model for living cooperatively, learning with enthusiasm and enjoying the outdoors!

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please fill out the enclosed form and bring it with you to Curriculum Night or return it to the school office. Thanks for supporting 6th Grade Outdoor Camp.

Sincerely,

Kim Martin and Lisa Ryan
Chase Lake 6th Grade Teachers