

Frequently Asked Questions re: Camp Orkila 2019

When do the 6th graders go to camp? Wednesday-Friday Sept. 11th-13th, 2019

When do the 5th graders go to camp? Monday-Wednesday Sept. 23-25th, 2019

Who goes? The entire grade level goes to camp as one large class in the fall to create a strong bond for the school year and beyond. This is a team building experience with school staff, parents, and students. We expect every student to attend camp and we do everything we can to give every student this valuable experience. Attendance is taken and outdoor education is part of every 6th grade, and next year, 5th grade class curriculum. The district and the School Board support this field trip.

Sleeping: Students sleep in cabins with doors and windows. Boys and girls sleep in separate cabins in bunk beds. If any student needs a sleeping bag, the school or Camp Orkila will provide one. There are 8-10 students in a cabin and two to three parent chaperones in each cabin. All parent chaperones are fingerprinted and checked by the Washington State Patrol.

Eating: Students will get three warm meals a day, served family style in the Camp Orkila cafeteria. Special dietary needs are honored. The food is healthy and good quality. There is always a salad bar with lunch and dinner, as well as a granola/yogurt bar during breakfast.

Cost: Our camp fundraising team has been working all year to raise money to lower the cost of camp. The cost per student will be \$120.00 max and possibly less if we raise more money this school year. Paper work about camp will come home in March 2019 and there will be a parent meeting for all current 4th and 5th grade parents in May. Payment and permission slips are due in June 2019. Scholarships are available. Upcoming fundraising events include our movie nights and dine outs. Camp Fundraising contacts are: Casie Tubbs-casietubbs@yahoo.com, Erin Warren-ERWarren@perkinscoie.com

Transportation: Students meet at LFP early the morning of departure and board three charter buses with parent and staff chaperones that will transport them to the Anacortes Ferry Terminal. Some parents will drive the luggage in cars. Students and adults walk on the ferry in Anacortes to Orcas Island. They will eat a sack lunch on the ferry. Once arriving at the Orcas Island ferry terminal, students will board the Camp Orkila school buses to be transported to Camp Orkila for the fun to begin!

Chaperones: We invite parents to sign up to be a chaperone. There will be a meeting in May about the duties of a chaperone and sign ups for chaperoning happen at that meeting. Chaperones attend Camp Orkila for free and are expected to accompany study groups, eat all meals with the cabin group, and sleep in the cabin with the students. There are at least two chaperones in each cabin. We need both females and males to chaperone please. In order to chaperone, parents must have fingerprints processed and cleared before the end of the school year.

What do students do at camp? Students will be in a group with students from each class and with parent chaperones. They will attend classes led by trained camp staff. Team building, marine biology, zip line, and engineering design are some of the classes taught. We encourage students to take risks and try new things, but we also want students to feel comfortable participating in each activity at their comfort level.

Which School Staff Members Attend Camp? All the 5th and 6th grade level teachers, Counselor Tom, and Principal Miner. The LFP staff attends to support the learning, take photos, and have fun getting to know our amazing students.

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