

Field Trip Parent Permission

Details of the trip:

School:

Mount Boucherie Secondary

School phone number:

250-870-5101

Teacher contact:

Mr. Pontalti

Destination:

Kelowna Highlands (McCullough Lake)

Purpose of trip: (Relation to course curriculum)

Provide students with an introduction to winter camping, snow shelter building, snow shoeing, and camp craft skills.

Provide students with opportunities to develop their personal leadership skills – cooperation, problem solving, trip planning.

Foster a love and appreciation for the great outdoors!

Description of activities:

- Will depart from MBSS at 4:15PM on Thursday Feb. 8th, 2024. Will drive to drop off location where gear will be unloaded.
- Students will walk/snowshoe approx. 45 minutes to reach the cabin from the drop off parking lot.
- Students will spend the first night in a cabin. Some students may be sleeping outside in tents depending on numbers.
- Students will participate in team building activities the first evening.
- Students will sleep in separate areas: Guys separate from Girls
- Friday morning students will cook their own breakfast and head outside to begin building their snow shelters, students will be responsible for cooking food, cleaning dishes and preparing for a comfortable and safe second night out. The cabin will be for emergency use during the remainder of the trip. Students will sleep in their snow shelters the second night.
- Friday evening students will participate in a group problem solving activity
- Saturday morning students will prepare breakfast, cleanup camping area pack up and return to the parking area to load gear for the trip home.
- Students will be picked up at 11:00 AM and transported to MBSS
- Will return to MBSS at 12:30PM on Feb. 10th, 2024

Trip fee:

\$75.00 covers TOC costs, transport, and mountain cabin rental. Please note that if a student is not able to pay the trip fee (s)he should consult with Mr. Pontalti well in advance of the trip and alternative funding options will be explored so that every student may attend. Also be advised that students may opt out of this activity and earn course credit through completing alternate trips or assignments.

*Parents keep the first 2 pages for future reference and return the 3rd and 4th page to Mr. Pontalti once read, initialed, and signed.

Inherent Risks Involved with this Trip:

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General Inherent Risks with Outdoor Activities

1. Risks associated with travelling by vehicle to and from activity.
2. Risks associated with camping. Things such as being cold, wet, and possibly hypothermic can always occur regardless of the level of planning that has been involved.
3. Risks associated with a vigorous physical activity. There will be undoubtedly be some level of discomfort with participating in a new activity. There is always the possibility of blisters, muscle pulls, cuts, and scratches.
4. Risks associated with creating warmth or cooking by fire.
5. Risks associated with cooking on a camp stove.
6. Risks associated with wilderness camping such as conflicts with animals, insect bites, and disruptive weather.
7. Risks involved with getting lost in the wilderness.
8. Risks involved with poor decision making by individuals such as leaving the group.
9. Risks associated with remoteness of area. We may not be able to access emergency medical services for several hours depending on phone service in the area.
10. Risks associated with changes in weather. It must be understood that if the weather breaks down, we may need to alter trip plans. This may mean delaying the return time and being late for pick up. It may also be difficult to communicate that we may be late if there is no phone service in the area.

Inherent Risks Particular to this Activity

* We will camping on snow, building and sleeping in snow shelters, cooking on stoves and on campfire.

1. Risks associated with building and sleeping in snow shelters such as collapse of shelter (suffocation), being struck by a shovel while digging.
2. Risks associated with snow camping such as frostbite, hypothermia, snow blindness.
3. Risks associated with snow shoe travel: Injuries from falling, bone fractures, sprains, dislocations, puncture wounds (ski pole, tree branch). Snow shoe route selection will be suitable for all student ability levels.

*As legal guardian of (student's name) _____
I am aware of the risks involved and approve of his/her participation

(Parent/guardian initials: _____)

Group of Students:

Outdoor Ed. grades 10-12

No. of students:

Maximum 30 – Minimum 18 (numbers are not yet finalized)

No. of teachers/supervisors:

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Minimum 2 (1 male, 1 female) will try to maintain ratio of 15 students per chaperon

* I understand that efforts will be made to obtain supervisors of both genders. In the event that only male supervision is available I grant permission for my son/daughter to participate.

Parent/guardian Initials _____

Departure date:

Thursday Feb. 8, 2024

Departure time: 4:15 pm

Return date:

Saturday Feb. 10, 2024

Arrival time back at school: (Pick students up at the school at this time)

12:30PM Saturday Feb. 10, 2024

Transportation:

Private Vehicle:

Parent(s), Adult Volunteer, Teacher

Driven by:

Authorized adult, teacher, School bus

*May travel by school bus with a professional driver depending on number of parent drivers and students attending.

Parent / Guardian Consent:

I have read the description of activities, understand that there are inherent risks attached to this activity and accept these risks. I also understand that all of the requirements of the school Code of Conduct apply while students are on field trips, and I will repay the school for costs if it is necessary to send this student home by means other than as stated above.

Consent is given for (name of student) _____
to participate and travel as described.

Parent/guardian Name: _____

Date: _____ Student's BC Medical #: _____

Signature: _____