

Expedition Yellowstone Parent Meeting 1

November 14, 2018

5:15 pm

Band Room

Wahoo we got accepted. Now What?

When: April 8-12th (Simpson) April 22-26 (Morales) (Leave Monday come Back Friday)
– date defined by lottery

Packing/inventory – April 7th (Simpson) April 21st (Morales)

Where: Our base will be at Mammoth Hot Springs YCC compound

What: Overview of EY, contracts, Committees, Important Dates

Overview

- What is EY?
 - Curriculum: Geology, Ecology, and History of the park with emphasis on conservation. Working/living together.
 - Typical Day at EY: 5 days/4 nights
 - 6 am rise: One clan makes breakfast, one clan in shower rotation, one clan clean up, all clans eating breakfast and prep of lunch
 - 7 am – 8 am: Class with Ranger based on the days field experience
 - 8 am – 4 pm: Field experience & lunch (Ranger rotation & clan leader activities)
 - 4 pm – 5 pm: One clan cooking, all clans working on skits/activities
 - 5 pm -- 6 pm: Dinner served by a clan, another clan to clean up & set up lesson
 - 6 pm – 9 pm: Class (follow-up on field experience, prep for next field experience)
 - 9:30 pm: Lights out
- Key Points
 - Pre-trip sleepovers & day hikes
 - Be prepared – Bring all items on the list (unpredictable weather) - A lengthy detailed list will be discussed (and sent home) in the near future in Clan Meetings and **can be found on the EY link on the school web site under the “Activities” tab.**
 - Work on being self-sufficient – lot of activity
- Committees
 - Food, Fundraising, chaperones/clan leaders

Food Committee

- Elect chairperson, secretary, subcommittees as determined by the committee, etc.
- Plan meals: Pre-Planned Meals - proven menu that fits our budget (School District per diem), but some variation.
- Prepare meals ahead of trip
- Pack coolers
- Snacks from all families

Fundraising Committee

- Elect chairperson, secretary, subcommittees as determined by the committee, etc.
- The total money required per student to be raised is **\$200.00 per student** (at least - we may need raise more for food as determined by the food committee). This is mostly for the program tuition and accommodations set by the Park for students and chaperones. All students must participate and do their part with fundraising.

- The school is covering all transportation and the majority of food expenses based on the standard per diem per student/staff member.

Chaperones/Clan Leaders

- Overview
 - Pre-trip Clan meetings (team building, preparation assistance, etc.)
 - During the expedition:
 - o 24 hour coverage
 - o Intensive involvement
 - Chaperones & alternates to be determined by lottery
 - Need Equal Male/Female
 - Background checks required for all non-staff chaperones
 - Adult to student ratio will be near 1 to 5, plus assistance from Park Rangers and our bus driver.

Academic and Behavior Incentive Plan For Yellowstone

- Behavior
- Academic
- Required signatures by students & parents
- Behavior Initiative begins 11/05/18
- Misbehavior during the expedition – Suspension offenses will require parents to pick up their child from the park.

Important Dates

11/05/18 - Start Behavior Point System

11/19/18 - Fundraising Committee Meeting (Christmas stroll planning) **108 days minus Thanksgiving and Christmas)**

TBA – Food Committee meetings

TBA – Chaperone Meetings

2/8 – Chaperone background check applications due

2/1 - Half way fundraising Deadline/check

3/22 – Final fundraising Deadline

3/20 - End of 3rd Quarter Determine Academic Eligibility.

3/22 - End Behavior Point System -- Determine Behavior Eligibility.

Week of 3/26-30 – Lice Check for all attendees

4/07 - Final packing/inventory for Simpson Class

4/8-12 -Simpson Class Expedition Yellowstone Trip

4/21 - Final packing/inventory for Morales Class

4/22-26 - Morales Class Expedition Yellowstone Trip