

Expedition Yellowstone Parent Meeting 1

November 29, 2016

5:15pm

Band Room

Wahoo we got accepted. Now What?

- When: May 15th – May 19th (Leave Monday come Back Friday) – date defined by lottery
Packing/inventory – May 14th
- Where: Lamar Valley Buffalo Ranch (Limited electricity, no cell service, 1 emergency only phone)
- What: Overview of EY, contracts, Committees, Important Dates

Overview

- What is EY?
 - o Curriculum: Geology, ecology, and history of the park with emphasis on conservation. Working/living together.
 - o 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
 - o Sleepovers & day hikes
 - o 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
 - o Work on being self-sufficient – lot of activity
- Committees
 - o Food, Fundraising, chaperones/clan leaders

Academic and Behavior Incentive Plan For Yellowstone

- Behavior
- Academic
- Required signatures by students & parents
- Contract begins 12/5/16
- Misbehavior during the expedition – Suspension offenses will require parents to pick up their child from the park.

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 deim), but some variation.
- Prepare meals ahead of trip
- Pack coolers
- Cookies 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.

Important Dates

12/5 - Start Behavior Point System

TBA – Food and Fundraising Meetings & events

TBA – Chaperon Meetings

2/8 - Half way fundraising Deadline/check

2/10 – Chaperone background check applications due

4/14 – Final fundraising Deadline - Determine Fund Raising Eligibility.

5/5 - 4th Quarter Midterm – Determine Academic Eligibility.

5/9 - End Behavior Point System -- Determine Behavior Eligibility.

Week of 5/8 – Lice Check for all attendees

5/14 - Final packing/inventory

5/15 – 5/19: Expedition Yellowstone