

You and Me and the Salish Sea
with Ms. Andrada

Parent Information Letter

Join Ms. Andrada for a 3-day/2-night overnight sailing excursion in and around Puget Sound, bookended by two local day-trips on Monday and Friday. During the week, we'll put our camera skills to use as we document our adventures and assemble a photo portfolio. This adventure will begin on **Monday, April 16, 2018** and conclude on **Friday, April 20, 2018**. Transportation for this expedition will be provided by private automobiles (LWSD-approved parent volunteers) and sailboat.

On Monday we'll begin at EAS with some beyond-the-basics photography instruction with Seattle photographer Meghan McMackin. We'll venture into Seattle for a photo scavenger hunt as we visit several choice destinations on and near the Seattle waterfront. The following day, we'll learn more photography techniques before we depart EAS. Heading north to Bellingham, we'll board the Schooner Zodiac, a 160-foot sailboat and our home for the next three days and two nights. It's all-hands-on-deck as we work in teams to sail the boat and navigate the waters of the Salish Sea. We'll sail to some of the San Juan Islands that aren't accessible by ferry, search for wildlife via kayak, and hike some of the lesser traveled island trails. We'll return from this portion of the trip on Thursday afternoon/evening where you'll sleep in the comfort of your own bed. On Friday, we'll choose our best images from the week and head to a photo lab to produce our pictures. Finally, we'll end an awesome week with some friendly competition at Whirlyball in Edmonds.

The trip fee includes transportation costs, room and board on the schooner, photography instruction and prints, and a few rounds of Whirlyball. Students will need to bring their own packed lunch on the first and last days of the trip.

Estimated Cost: \$ \$400.00-\$450.00

Payment Schedule: \$ \$225.00 due January 5, 2018. \$ remainder due March 23, 2018.

The purposes of this Expedition are:

- Photography and photo-finishing instruction
- Sailing instruction and teamwork
- Exploration of Washington waters and San Juan Islands
- Personal challenge, adventure, and fun!

Activities on this Expedition will include:

- Photography and Seattle photo scavenger hunt; photo-finishing
- Sailing and "camping" aboard the Schooner Zodiac
- Trail hiking, kayaking
- Whirlyball

Meals: There will be plenty of non-meat foods served at meal times to meet the needs of vegetarian students.

PLEASE NOTE - If your child has any specific dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten free, kosher, allergies), please indicate this on the Permission Form and provide detailed **written** information to the sponsoring teacher of this trip by March 23rd, 2018. Certain dietary conditions may require you to supply the necessary items for this expedition.

Medication: If your child will require medication (prescription or over-the-counter) during this expedition, we must have a completed *Authorization for Administration of Medication* form completed (signed by physician and parent). A separate form is required for each medication. If there has been no change in your child's medications since Camp Hamilton, we can use the forms already on file. If your child has new medications or his/her prescription has changed, a new form must be completed (one for each new/changed med). ***We must have all completed forms and necessary medications turned in to the office by March 29th*** to allow sufficient time for review by our district nurse.

Attachments:

- Itinerary – to follow
- Packing / Equipment List – to follow
- Parent Field Trip Informed Consent Form (Permission Form)

To be completed and turned in to the EAS office:

- Payment #1 (first half) - **DUE JANUARY 5, 2018** Payment #2 (2nd half) - **DUE MARCH 23, 2018**
- Parent Field Trip Informed Consent Form (Permission Form) – **DUE JANUARY 5, 2018**
- All trip medications and related *Authorization for Administration of Medication* forms must be completed and turned in to the office by **MARCH 29, 2018**

Please address any questions regarding this learning expedition to **Ms. Andrada**, mandrada@lwsd.org, (425) 936-2355.