

Camp Hamilton Expedition 2018

Parent Information Letter

The Environmental & Adventure School hosts a 5-day/4-night all staff and student expedition to **Camp Hamilton**. We depart E.A.S. at 8:30 on **Mon., September 10th** and return to E.A.S. by 2:30 on **Friday, September 14th**. Camp Hamilton is a residential camp located between Duvall and Monroe. **EAS parents and family members do not visit the camp during the week.** Students pay **\$75** each to cover food and some supply costs for the 5 days. An 8th grade leadership team (determined by an application process) will attend a leadership training day at Camp Hamilton on Sunday, September 9th.

The purposes of the Camp Hamilton Expedition are:

- ♣ Community building and team work
- ♣ Environmental studies in forest and wetland
- ♣ Fitness and outdoor recreational skill development
- ♣ Service learning through a camp stewardship project
- ♣ All school and individual goal setting

The **Camp Hamilton Expedition staff will include** one adult for every four students. Adult positions include:

6 teachers

6-8 parent and community volunteers for activity support (determined by expertise areas)

6 parent volunteers as kitchen crew

12 college or high-school experienced camp counselors

Activities at camp include:

- ♣ Wetland, lake, and forest ecology
- ♣ Field games
- ♣ Ropes courses/climbing wall*
- ♣ Goal setting
- ♣ Crafts
- ♣ Hiking
- ♣ Astronomy
- ♣ Native plant study (ethno-botany)
- ♣ Challenge and initiative games
- ♣ Swimming*
- ♣ Canoeing*
- ♣ Orienteering
- ♣ Campfire and skits
- ♣ Archery*

* Facilitated by qualified instructors

Students bring a sack lunch for the first day. All other meals will be provided. There will be plenty of non-meat foods served at meal times to meet the needs of vegetarian students. If your child has other specific dietary needs, please supply the necessary items and be sure to include specific information on your child's health form.

Very Important!!!!

- The following forms are all due no later than Tuesday, 9/4/2018:
 - **Camp Hamilton Parent Permission Form** (mailed in summer packet)
 - **Sunscreen Permission Form** (mailed in summer packet)
 - **LWSD Emergency Notification** (mailed in summer packet)
 - **Authorization to Administer Medication** (only if applicable) – Necessary for both prescription and non-prescription medications. Please read carefully. See Students/Families page of EAS website.
 - **\$75 Food and Supplies Fee** – check made out to "EAS"
- **Volunteers (camp staff and drivers) must be pre-approved by LWSD!** See Volunteering page (<https://eas.lwso.org/studentsfamilies/volunteering>) of EAS website for Volunteer Application. Background check must be completed by 9/4/2018. Drivers must provide copy of Driver's License, Proof of Insurance, and complete the Private Auto Authorization & Volunteer Driver Checklist (mailed in summer packet).
- **Student Camp Packing List.** Please go over this carefully and assist your child in packing.

Additional information to be provided via email and the EAS News Bulletin. If you have questions, call the school office at 425-936-2355.