

Tillicum Middle School

6th Grade Outdoor Education Camp



Information

IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Informational Meeting	January 26, 2023 5:30pm
Final Forms Due	February 10th
Authorization for Medication forms from doctor due	March 31
Camp	May 31st—June 2nd

Each year, Tillicum's sixth graders attend Outdoor Education Camp at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island. Students will enjoy three fun-filled days and two nights learning and connecting with other students, staff, and high school counselors. Students will take hands-on classes reinforcing the science curriculum, as well as work on social-emotional skills, communication skills, and community building. Sixth Grade Camp has been a tradition at Tillicum for many years. This year we will be attending camp May 31st through June 2nd.

Even though camp is still several months away, it takes a lot of work and organization to put the experience together. Over the next several months you will receive several emails that are intended to keep you up-to-date about camp. You can also reach out with questions at anytime using the contact information below.

Tuition

The price of camp is \$250 per student. This must be paid before May 1st. (See back for additional payment and financial aid information.)

How to Get Started

Step 1: Get information about our trip at the Parent Informational Meeting on January 26th.

Step 2: Complete your registration form on Final Forms. (More information on this to come!)

Step 3: Make a payment at Touchbase: either the full \$250, or \$62.50 on the 1st of February, March, April and May. The full amount must be paid by May 1st.

Step 4: Have your pediatrician complete the Authorization for Medication form if it applies to your student. (Information will be presented at parent night).

Contacts

- Kim Hay, teacher and organizer. Hayk@bsd405.org
- Dave Jensen, teacher and organizer. JensenDa@bsd405.org
- Peggy Ruehr, school nurse. Ruehrp@bsd405.org

Payment Options

Camp is quite an expensive venture, altogether costing more than \$60,000. Both the PTA and ASB provide us with a generous amount of money which allows us to keep the cost of camp as low as possible. This year camp tuition is \$250 per student.

Two payment options are available to families:

1. A one-time payment of the full amount of \$250. We suggest that you make that payment when you complete Final Forms.
2. Divide the total of \$250 into 4 equal payments of \$62.50, paid on the first of each month beginning in February and ending May 1st. You will see the remaining balance for the cost of camp each time you make a payment. Payment in full must be made by May 1st.

Additional financial assistance may be available. Please contact Kim Hay at hayk@bsd405.org or Dave Jensen at jensenda@bsd405.org for more information.

Online Payments

Camp tuition will be added as a fine on your student's account. You are able to make online payments for camp using the Touch Base online payment portal.

- 1) To access the online payment portal, navigate to <https://touchbase.bsd405.org/> which will take you directly to the BSD payments site. Once logged in you will see the name of the student associated with this login. To view items specific to a student, click on their name.
- 2) Under *Shop*, select "*Items At Student's School*" to see payments and items for sale.
- 3) You will be able to make either a full \$250 camp payment, or the first of four payments (made on February, March, April & May 1st) of \$62.50 which will add up to \$250 paid by May 1st.
- 4) You will also see an option to contribute to donations or students' scholarships. Donations will help fund line items such as transportation and general camp expenses while scholarship contributions will go directly to help a student pay for camp.

* Tuition and donations can not be refunded.

Medication & Health

The school nurse, Peggy Ruehr, attends camp and will set up a clinic similar to the school clinic. She will have access to your student's health history through Final Forms. However, school district policy requires that students get the Authorization for Medication form completed by their pediatrician if they will be taking any kind of medication, prescription or over-the-counter, while at camp.

If your student needs to take medication of any kind, please have your pediatrician complete the attached form and return it to Tillicum by March 31st.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student's health care needs while at camp, please contact Peggy Ruehr at Ruehrp@bsd405.org.