



School of Choice for Global Education

École Arbutus Global Middle School

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Hello Parents/Guardians,

As we quickly approach the trip to Camp Thunderbird, we once again would like to thank the parents that have stepped up to help out this trip. Without your help, this trip could not happen. We will be meeting with all of the students next week to start the bicycle training and to review the expectations for the camp. Please help your son or daughter assemble the materials that are required for camp.

Bike training has been organized and will start next week. Students will receive two classroom sessions as well as two riding sessions on our school property. Students will require their bikes (and helmets) on Tuesday or Wednesday (depending on the class they are in) but we will review this with them on Monday. The following week (May 7th - 11th) we will be going on some practice rides in the Gordon Head area.

A reminder that **NO ELECTRONICS** are welcome at camp. In case of emergency you can call the land line at camp Thunderbird which is 250 642-3136. You can also try to reach Mr Maxwell on his cell at 250 812-2264 although cell service at camp is not great.

I have also attached the Recommended Gear List from Camp Thunderbird. Please ensure that your son or daughter has these materials and that all items are clearly labeled with their name and school in case they are left at the camp. It is crucial that they have all of the necessary materials and are prepared for the variety of temperatures, weather, and activities that we may be experiencing.

The final itinerary is as follows:

Monday, May 14th

8:00am- Meet at Lochside Trail assembly area at Lochside Drive and Willow Street (Please see the map below).

8:30 - 9:00 am- Bike groups stagger departures for Camp Thunderbird.

12:30 – 2:00 pm- Groups arrive at Camp, receive orientation, move into cabins. Students will have eaten lunch en route, or upon arrival.

2:00- 5:00 pm- Afternoon Activity Rotation # 1 (Kayaking, Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Archery)

5:00 - 5:30 pm- Free time (teacher/chaperone supervision)

5:30 – 6:15 pm - Dinner

6:15 – 6:45 pm - Free time (teacher/chaperone supervision)

6:45 pm- Evening activity organized by Camp Thunderbird Staff

8:00 pm- Campfire Program

9:30 pm- Lights out

Tuesday, May 15th

7:45 am- Wake Up, optional Polar Bear Swim (optional), Flag Raising, Games

8:30 am – 9:15 am - Breakfast

9:15 – 9:45 am - Free time (teacher/chaperone supervision)

9:45 – 12:15 pm- Morning Activity Rotation # 2 (Kayaking, Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Archery)

12:15 – 12:45 pm - Free time (teacher/chaperone supervision)

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm – Lunch

1:30 – 2:00 pm - Free time (teacher/chaperone supervision)

2:00 – 5:00 pm- Afternoon Activity Rotation # 3 (Kayaking, Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Archery)

5:00 - 5:30 pm- Free time (teacher/chaperone supervision)

5:30 – 6:15 pm – Dinner

6:15 – 6:45 pm - Free time (teacher/chaperone supervision)

6:45 – 8:00 pm- Evening activity organized by Camp Thunderbird Staff

8:00 pm- Campfire Program

9:30 pm- Lights out

Wednesday, May 16th

7:45 am- Wake up, Cabin clean out and move out, flag raising, games

8:30 – 9:15 am- Breakfast

9:30 – 10:00 am- Group game

10:30 – 11:00 - Organize into biking groups for return to Victoria

11 am - Depart for Victoria via Galloping Goose Trail

12:30 – 1:00 – Bag lunch (provided by Camp Thunderbird) along trail.

2:30 – 4:00 – Arrival back at Lochside Trail assembly area. (Please see the map below).

Once again a big thank-you to all of the staff that have organized this experience and to those parents that have volunteered. We will be sending emails shortly to the various parent volunteer groups to coordinate further.

Please see next page for the map of the drop off and pick up location. If you have any questions or concerns about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Larocque (email jlarcocque@sd61.bc.ca) or Mr. Maxwell (email amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca or phone (250) 477-1878) and we can clarify them for you.

