



FIELD STUDIES PARENT PERMISSION

DETAILS OF THE STUDY:

School Okanagan Mission Secondary School Phone No. 250 870 5108
 Teacher Contact Otke / Mullenby / Tam Destination Banff, Kootenay and Yoho
 National Parks Purpose of Study Physical and mental growth through preparations for, participation in and reflection of a 5 day backpacking or hiking trip in the Rocky mountains.
 Description of Activities/Itinerary: Whole group and small group preparations will include planning, safety, logistics and practice hikes as determined and led by adult chaperones. After preparations, students will participate in a 5 day hiking or backpacking trip in September on various trails led by adult chaperones.

Inherent Risks of Participating:

Travel by vehicle to and from various practice hikes and national parks. Physical injuries associated with hiking, backpacking, camp set-up, cooking, flora and fauna, and/or weather conditions. Risk of communicable diseases. Poor decision making by individual students can increase risks. For a comprehensive list of potential risks, please see 'Student Guide to Lake O'Hara

Group of Students OKM Parks and Recreation 12

No. of Students 200 (updated after registration) No. of Teachers/Supervisors 50 (updated after registration)

Departure Date (M/D/Y) 09/15/24

Departure Time 6:00 AM

Return Date (M/D/Y) 09/20/24

Return Pickup Time Meet at Rogers Pass 1:00 PM

Arrival Time Back at School 6:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION:

School District Bus Wheelchair Access City Transit Private Vehicle
 Rented Vehicle Commercial Carrier Foot/Bicycle

Driven by:

District Driver Authorized Adult Teacher Commercial Driver
 Authorized Student Driver (no passengers allowed)

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

I have read the description of activities, understand that there are inherent risks attached to this activity and accept these risks. I also understand that all of the requirements of the school Code of Conduct apply while students are on field studies, and I will repay the school for costs if it is necessary to send this student home by means other than as stated above.

Consent is given for _____ (name of student) to participate and travel as described.

Name _____

Student's BC Medical # _____ Expiry: _____

Medical concerns, allergies, medication requirements _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Attachments: Yes No
 (including any special requirements in order to participate)



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Dear Parents,

The attached Parent Permission Form must be completed and returned to OKM if your student wants to participate in the Lake O'Hara experience, but please detach this page and keep it for your own records.

Eligibility for Participation:

- Current grade 11 students entering grade 12 in 2024 at OKM Secondary
- Physically able to participate in a 5 day hiking or backpacking experience

Grade 12 students that do not participate in the Lake O'Hara experience are expected to attend regularly scheduled classes and students that choose to participate are expected to make up the class work that is missed while they are on their hiking trip.

2024 Important Dates	Information
LAUNCH MEETING Monday, February 26 6:00 PM in OKM Multi	Mandatory attendance for prospective students, parents and chaperones. Topics: trip overview, student and chaperone expectations, registration and assessment.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE Wednesday, March 6	To be assigned a hiking group, students must complete all steps in the registration process by this deadline. See the website for more info.
GROUP REVEAL Wednesday, April 10	Groups will be revealed digitally through google classroom and will only be available to students registered in the class.
GROUP MEETING #1 Tuesday, April 16 6:00 PM in OKM Multi	Mandatory attendance for all students and chaperones. Topics: routes, communication, gear and food. Will include whole group meeting and small group planning time
GROUP MEETING #2 Tuesday, June 4 5:00 PM in OKM Multi	Mandatory attendance for all students and chaperones. Topics: gear check, routes, communication. Will include whole group meeting and small group planning time
SMALL GROUP HIKES April-September	Hiking groups will meet together for informational meetings and/or practice hikes at the discretion of chaperones.
GROUP MEETING #3 Tuesday, September 10 6:00 PM in the OKM Multi	Mandatory attendance for all students and chaperones. Topics: Updates, logistics, reflection overview and gear check. All gear needs to be brought to the multi for chaperones to check.
LAKE O'HARA TRIP Sunday, September 15 – Friday, September 20	All groups will leave by 6:00 AM from the OKM parking lot. Individual itineraries are specific to each group. All itineraries are tentative and subject to change based on safety considerations, natural hazards and/or chaperone discretion.
FINAL REFLECTION Fall 2024 - for Report Card 1 (date TBA)	Part of the assessment for this class will require a final reflection to be completed by participants. Many groups will also organize a wind-up meeting to celebrate at some point after the trip.

Attendance at all of the above meetings is mandatory for students that choose to participate in the Lake O'Hara experience. Meetings are important for the safety, comfort and preparation of individuals as well as the group as a whole. Additional chaperone meetings are scheduled and can be found on the Lake O website. OKM Administration and the Lake O Leadership team reserve the right to remove students if they fail to attend meetings or are unprepared in any way that may cause risk to themselves or their group.

Philosophy: We believe that participation in outdoor activities allows for the following;

- The development of communication, teamwork and collaboration skills in a complex and dynamic environment
- An understanding and appreciation of the natural environment, ourselves and others - Character development, including self-confidence, endurance and empathy

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to demonstrate;

- Effective planning and preparations for safe participation in outdoor activities
- Knowledge and skills for participation in outdoor activities, including leadership, collaboration and communication
- Environmental awareness and stewardship, including risk management and ways to reduce potential impacts of outdoor activities on the environment
- The ability to reflect on participation in outdoor activities, including transferable skills, overcoming challenges and potential lifelong participation

Safety Precautions: Students will participate in the following opportunities to mitigate risk;

- Mandatory attendance at whole and small group meetings, including route information, food and gear preparations/checks, park and campsite rules and participant expectations
- Mandatory completion of practice hikes with small group to demonstrate physical ability to participate in 5 days of hiking or backpacking
- Completion of a Safety Presentation by National Park Rangers, including bear safety

Groups are planned with a ratio of 8 students to 2 chaperones. Chaperones will all complete a Criminal Record Check and at least one will have First Aid training. Chaperones will attend mandatory meetings, additional to the student meetings, regarding safety, risk management and emergency procedures.

Cost for Participation:

The cost to participate in the Lake O'Hara experience is \$375.00. This amount will be added to your School Cash online account and is due by Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Please speak to an OKM administrator if you cannot afford to pay for this trip, but wish to participate.

The \$375 cost includes transportation via SD23 busses to and from National Parks, TOC costs for teachers chaperoning the trip, park passes and campsite access while on the trip. Additional expenses you will encounter will be your food for the trip and any gear you may wish to purchase. We always encourage students to borrow or rent as much gear as possible to keep costs down.

Website:

Our website will always have the most up to date information about this experience, including the registration process, route information and suggested practice hikes. The website also has many resources useful for planning both gear and food for your trip, including gear lists and menu suggestions. www.okmlakeohara.weebly.com

Sincerely,

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