



## Lake City Secondary School: Columneetza Campus Grade 7 Outdoor Education Program

**What is it?** This program meets the Gr. 7 curriculum in part through weekly outdoor & community learning days and 2-3 overnight field trips.

### Applicant characteristics

You should apply if:

- 1) You are keen to try new activities and like being active outside.
- 2) You enjoy being outside in different weather conditions observing nature as well as engaging in various activities like writing, art, cross-country skiing and backpacking.
- 3) You come to school energetic, ready to participate, and grateful for the unique opportunities presented through outdoor education.
- 4) You can listen to and follow instructions the first time they are given, use common sense, and act responsibly and independently, especially on high risk field trips.
- 5) You want to get to know the natural areas of your community through academic, social and physical activities.
- 6) You are able to persist and dig deep when you get tired or are asked to do socially, physically, or academically challenging tasks.

You don't have to be someone who already spends a significant amount of time outside, but you should be interested in it and willing to push yourself to try new things.

### Program Description

*Core Courses (e.g. Science, Math, Writing):* On outdoor days you will do experiments, writing assignments, and various hands on and academic assignments tied to the community and natural areas.

*Personal Responsibility:* This course involves high risk field trips that include activities like skiing, canoeing and travelling in wilderness areas. These type of activities are incredibly rewarding but require a higher level of personal responsibility and care for the group than a regular classroom. Students who aren't willing to commit to such responsibility should not apply.

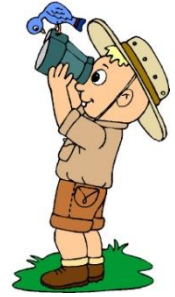
*Citizenship:* A big part of the B.C. curriculum is social responsibility, i.e. how one contributes positively to one's family, community, society and the environment. In Outdoor Education we learn part of this by practicing how to be responsible outdoors people. Students will learn how to recreate in wilderness areas according to *Leave No Trace Principles* and reflect on being a considerate member of a group.

*Outdoor Recreation:* Students enrolled in Outdoor Education will be visiting places like Scout Island, Gavin Lake, Bull Mountain, and other community sites to learn how to canoe, cross-country ski, and other outdoor pursuits. These activities will be part of building the students' positive personal and cultural identity.

**Funding:** A program fee of \$100.00, along with parental volunteer support, will allow for overnight and day field trips.

**Financial Difficulty:** Help is available to students who wish to apply but do not have the financial means. Speak with Ms. Darney or Mr. Franklin (Columneetza vice-principals) for more information. These are confidential conversations that are not shared with any teachers or other students. Also check the box at the bottom of this application.

**Grade 7 Outdoor Education Program**  
**Application**



**Please answer the following questions thoughtfully and with as much relevant information as possible. Attach a separate sheet with your answers if you need. Successful applications show the student's desire to be in the program and how they fit the characteristics described above.**

**Student complete:**

1. Describe who you are (personal characteristics) and how that makes you a good candidate for this program.

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2. Tell us why the Grade 7 Outdoor Education program interests you.

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3. Describe an example of when you demonstrated personal responsibility and used common sense while doing an activity that involved risks?

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4. What do you think the purpose of rules and behaviour expectations are in a school or on trips?

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5. Find a teacher or principal to be a reference that supports your application. Attach their comment to your application. The application committee will follow up with your principal as well.

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) complete:**

6. Describe a time your child considered multiple factors when making a decision by themselves.

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Please check this box if financial assistance would benefit you.

<b>Student Name</b>	
<b>Current School</b>	
<b>Grade 5 and Grade 6 teacher</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Name(s)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number(s)</b>	<b>Home:</b> <b>Work:</b> <b>Cell:</b>
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>	

**Applications:**

To ensure this application is received, please submit a completed paper copy to your elementary principal and email a completed copy to [hattie.darney@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:hattie.darney@sd27.bc.ca) or [mike.franklin@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:mike.franklin@sd27.bc.ca).

**Applications are due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**