



Steveston-London Secondary School

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THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Annual Steveston-London Secondary School Grade Eight Camp Stillwood Experience September 12 - 14, 2018

May 17, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Staff and Student Leaders at Steveston-London Secondary School would like to make the **transition** from grade seven to grade eight easier for every new student. Consequently, we are organizing a three- day and two- night retreat opportunity at Camp Stillwood, located in the Columbia Valley, south of Chilliwack. Activities will be centered on team building, study skills, communication skills, and recreation. It is our hope that this event will build respect for others and lay the foundations for a positive and successful high school experience.

Students from Steveston-London will depart on the morning of Wednesday, September 12th and return in the afternoon of Friday, September 14th. The cost of \$225.00 includes transportation, cabin accommodation for two nights, and seven hot meals. If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this **exciting opportunity, please complete and return the registration and activity request forms to the main office at Steveston-London no later than June 22nd, 2018** so that we can effectively plan for this special event. The \$225.00 fee will be added to your child's annual Student Fees that will be collected during the first week of September.

We are very much looking forward to this event and hope your son/daughter can participate. If you have any questions, please contact us at 604-668-6668.

Sincerely,

Mr. L. Banta Vice-
Principal

Things You Need to Bring to Grade 8 Camp

- 1 sleeping bag and a pillow
- summer clothes (it can get very hot during the day)
- warm clothes (it can get cool at night)
- raincoat (it can rain!)
- **1 pair of running shoes and 1 or 2 other pairs of shoes**
- 1 flashlight
- a water bottle and a travel mug
- sunscreen and a hat, and bug repellent
- 1 towel
- toiletries
- **Student Agenda** (you will receive 1 in September)

Home of the Sharks!

Date: May 17, 2018

Activity Information:

- **Destination(s):** Camp Stillwood, 44005 Watt Road, Lindell Beach, Columbia Valley, South of Chilliwack, BC (604-858-6845)
- **Departure date and time:** September 12th, 2018 at approximately 8:30am
- **Arrival back at school:** September 14th, 2018 at approximately 2:15pm
- **Transportation type(s):** School Bus

Educational Program

- Educational goal: Participate in activities centred on team building, study skills, communication skills and recreation to create a foundation for a positive and successful secondary school experience.
- Description of the Activity: Multi-day camp run by senior students for grade 8 students
- Potential Known Risks and Hazards/Steps taken to minimize risks: Students will be leading and involved in a number of games and physical activities, both group and individual. Planned activities include a number of sports and games, such as arts and crafts, singing, dancing, hiking, rock-climbing, archery, and swimming for students with a valid Get Wet or WaterSafe Program Certificate. Some of the activities will be new to the students. It is important to listen to all instructions and to follow directions from the staff and leaders to avoid injury. Accidents may occur while participating in these activities. The accidents may cause injury.
- Other considerations: Weather may also vary, so it is important to bring clothing for a variety of conditions.

Responsibilities

The School will make every reasonable effort to ensure or ascertain that:

- The staff, volunteers and/or service providers involved are suitably trained and qualified.
- The students are adequately supervised during the program/activity.
- The location(s) used are appropriate and safe for the activity(ies) and group.
- Equipment used has been inspected and deemed appropriate and safe.
- A Risk Management Safety Plan is in place to identify and manage known potential risks.
- An Emergency Plan is in place to deal with an injury or medical incident with any of the students.

The Parent/Guardian will

- review the information contained in this letter and clarify any questions and concerns with the teacher prior to signing and returning the attached Informed Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver of Liability Form
- review, sign and return this Form to the teacher by the due date.

The Student will

- review the information contained in this letter and clarify any questions and concerns with the teacher prior to signing and returning the attached Student Commitment to Safety and Code of Conduct and Student Acknowledgement of Risk Form
- review, sign and return this Form to the teacher by the due date.

If you have further questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Lee Banta
Vice Principal/Camp Sponsor
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Sonya O'Neill
Teacher/Camp Sponsor
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Parent/Guardian Informed Consent, Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver of Liability Form
Higher Care - Overnight Multiple Day Field Trip and Out-of-Province/International Field Trip

Child's Name: _____ **Student #/Division #** _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **School:** Steveston-London Secondary School
Destination and Dates of Field Trip: Camp Stillwood, September 12th-14th, 2018

Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk

1. I accept the mode of transportation for this activity.
2. I acknowledge my right to obtain as much information as I require about this program or activity and associated risks and hazards, including information beyond that provided to me by the school or board.
3. My child has no illnesses, medical conditions or disabilities that make this trip inappropriate for him/her and I know of no health related or other reason why my child should not participate in this trip.
4. I will supply suitable clothing for my child's participation in all activities associated with the field trip. I accept full responsibility for any inadequate clothing or equipment which I provide. I am aware that I should contact the school for further information if I am unclear about what clothing or equipment is required for the activities or the possible weather conditions.
5. My child is aware and agrees that he or she must wear appropriate safety equipment at all times while doing activities where this is required.
6. My child and I understand that a failure to wear required or strongly recommended safety equipment could cause or contribute to a serious injury(ies).
7. I freely and voluntarily assume the risks/hazards inherent in the program/activity(ies) and understand and acknowledge that my child may suffer personal and potentially serious injury arising from his/her participation.
8. My child has been informed that he/she is to abide by Code of Conduct, including directions and instructions from the staff and/or service providers, administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity.
9. In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require his/her exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have him/her picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements and I will be responsible for any costs associated.
10. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to advise the Lead Teacher of any medical/health concerns of my child that may affect his/her participation.
11. I acknowledge that the board may choose to cancel the trip if travel conditions are deemed unsafe (e.g., Canada travel advisory, weather, health advisory). I accept that the board will not be liable for any costs associated with such a cancellation.
12. I consent that the board, through its employees, agents and officers, may secure such emergency medical services and advice as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services and advice.
13. Accidents can happen. They can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student or the school board or its employees or agents, or the facility when the activity is taking place. In permitting my child to attend this trip, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the School Board and its servants, agents, employees, or authorized volunteers, to induce me to permit my child to take the trip, other than those set out in this document.

Waiver of Liability *(This waiver element must be signed by ALL custodial parents or guardians of a child who is under the age of 19 years).*

I agree that in consideration of School District No. 38 offering my child _____ an opportunity to participate in the activity/trip I waive any and all claims I may personally have, and release from all liability and agree not to sue the Board of Trustees, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives, for any personal injury, death, property damage or loss as a result of or arising from my child participation in the trip, arising out of any cause whatsoever, including negligence. I understand that my signature here waives my right to sue on my own behalf for damages I may incur, but not the right for myself or a guardian acting on my child's behalf to sue for damages owed the child. The child's rights to sue in the event of negligence are not affected by my signature here.

I am 19 years of age or more and have read and understand the terms of this document and understand that it is binding upon me, my heirs, executors and administrators.

My child _____ **has my permission to participate in this field trip.** I understand that my child may be exposed to certain risks while participating in this activity. Accidents and injuries may occur.

I am able to drive on this field trip and have ____# of seat belts for student use. I have completed, or will complete, the Volunteer and School Staff Vehicle Driver Authorization Registration and Approval Form.

Parent/Guardian Name *(Please print):* _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____
Cell #: _____ **Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name *(Please print):* _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____
Cell #: _____ **Email:** _____

Emergency Contact #1 Name: _____ **Relationship to child:** _____
Contact #'s (home, work, cell): _____

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Contact #'s (home, work, cell): _____

Student Commitment to Safety and Code of Conduct and Student Acknowledgement of Risk Form

I will participate in this activity to the best of my abilities.
 I will behave safely and will wear appropriate clothing and use appropriate equipment on this field trip.
 I have been briefed by my teacher on the elements of risk and dangers involved and the precautions that are to be taken.
 I agree to the expectations set out by the sponsor teacher and will abide by the District Code of Conduct and School rules during the field trip.
 I will report any safety, medical or health issue or injury to the sponsor teacher

Student Name *(Please print):* _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Grade Eight Camp Stillwood Experience
September 12 - 14, 2018
Registration Form

Student's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Grade 7 Elementary School: _____

Gender: *(please circle)* Female Male Other: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone #: _____

 Relationship: _____

Care Card #: _____

Medical Conditions:

Medication currently taking: _____

Allergies (*ex: nuts*): _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Other Pertinent Information: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Please see attached letter for further details. The \$225.00 fee will be added to your child's yearly school fees which will be collected in September.
Thank you for choosing to participate in this exciting school experience!!!*

SLSS Grade 8 Retreat: Thursday Afternoon Activity Sessions

Name: _____ Student Number: _____ Adult T-shirt size: XS S M L XL

Please number the activity choices below from 1 (being your favourite choice) to 6 (being your least favourite). We will attempt to do our best to place you in 1 of your top choices. We may need to substitute activities. *Swimming is only eligible to students who have a valid Get Wet Certificate. Students who participate in Swimming will be placed in Outdoor Activity for their second session.

Drama Games _____ Outdoor Activity _____ Archery _____

Gym activities _____ Rock Climbing _____ Crafts _____

*Swimming _____ (MUST ATTACH A GET WET CERTIFICATE VALID UNTIL 14/09/2018)