

Camp Big Springs

Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Students,

March 2019

Each summer Provo City School District in conjunction with Provo City Parks and Recreation, provides an Outdoor Education (summer STEM camp) Program. This is a co-curricular program that is an extension of the current fifth grade STEM curriculum. It is a first come, first served opportunity for current students enrolled in the Provo City School District. They will spend five days at a camp located up the South Fork of Provo Canyon where they will be involved in activities such as hands on science experiences, arts & crafts, sports & recreation and campfire programs.

The schedule for summer 2019 is:

1. **June 3 - 7 (M-F) Canyon Crest, Provost, Rock Canyon**
2. **June 10 - 14 (M-F) Lakeview, Provo Peaks, Edgemont**
3. **June 17 - 21 (M-F) Wasatch, Sunset View, Franklin**
4. **June 24 - 28 (M-F) Westridge, Amelia Earhart, Timpanogos, Spring Creek (CAS students may register with their boundary school if they choose)**



**All groups will leave from and return to
Sunset View Elementary School 1520 West 600 South, Provo**

*** Registration forms will be sent home from each elementary school on March 8th.**

*** Registration will be open March 11th - 15th. Due to limited space, applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis and registration will close early if camp is full before March 15th.**

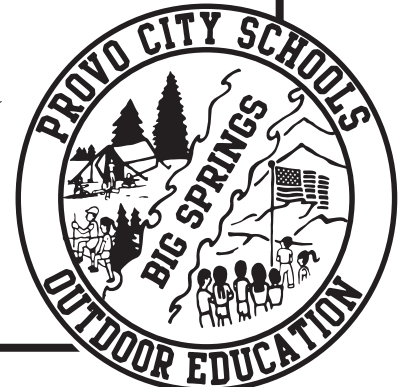
Payment is due with the application form at the time you register.

An **optional Orientation Meeting** for parents and students will be held on Thursday, **March 7th** at 6:00 p.m. at Sunset View Elementary School auditorium 1520 West 600 South Provo (northwest corner of the building).

If you have immediate questions, call the Outdoor Ed. Administrative Assistant at 801-374-4947 or email camp@provo.edu

The registration fee is \$120.00 - Make check payable to the school where your child attends. Students needing financial aid may pick up an application from the school secretary. The registration fee covers food, bus travel, craft supplies, T-Shirt, and all other expenses for the week.

Parents or businesses wanting to make a tax-deductible donation to help a student go to camp may do that through the school secretary.



Letter to Parents and Students

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT BIG SPRINGS - WHAT IS IT?

The program is a science based camp, structured in a natural setting and is co-sponsored by Provo City School District and Provo City Parks and Recreation. It provides an educational, recreational, and creative opportunity for students in the out-of-doors.

Some of the general things we hope to accomplish are:

1. Studying elementary science concepts in a lab setting of the outdoors.
2. Learning to live outdoors and become acquainted with the outdoor environment.
3. Experiencing individual growth and development. This covers a broad spectrum, but in the area of curriculum, we specifically try to integrate our classes with the fifth and sixth grade science concepts.
4. Learning to live and work together.
5. Practicing health and safety.
6. Developing new skills, interests, and perfecting old ones.
7. Developing values through appreciation and concern for others.
8. Enjoying a recreational experience.

We feel like this is a unique and rare experience that provides opportunities which many children may never get in any other way. We utilize trained leadership and the resources of natural surroundings to contribute to each camper's mental, physical, and social growth.

Location

Camp Big Springs is located up the South Fork of Provo Canyon on a beautiful and secluded spot owned by Provo City.

Staff

The staff is made up primarily of professional educators from Provo City School District. There are four men teachers, four women teachers, Director, Assistant Director, food truck driver, custodian, as well as other auxiliary staff.

Length

The students meet at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday they are scheduled to leave. They will return the following Friday at 12:00 noon.

Meals

Meals are prepared by the Timpview High School lunch staff using menus that have proven to be well received by the students.

Facilities

Our setting is quite rustic without many of the niceties of home but we feel that this is a useful part of the learning experience offered.

Schedule

Without going into a lot of detail, **Monday** is essentially spent on a field trip, checking in and getting set up. **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** we have Outdoor Education classes. **Thursday** we hike to "Lightning Ridge". **Friday** is "buddy-burner" day, gather-up, and come home. Early afternoons are for structured recreational activities. After supper is free-time, sports, and catch-up for arts and crafts. Every evening we have a campfire program.

For more information go to: campbigsprings.provo.edu

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Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday 7am - 5pm**

PROVO SCHOOL DISTRICT OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM • 2019

SCHOOLS:	CANYON CREST • PROVOST • ROCK CANYON	
CAMP DATES:	Leave MONDAY • June 3.....8:00 am Return FRIDAY • June 7.....12:00 Noon	(WEEK 1)
PLACE:	Meet at SUNSET VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • (1520 West 600 South) Loading will be on the Northwest side of the building.	
SCHOOLS:	LAKEVIEW • PROVO PEAKS • EDGEMONT	
CAMP DATES:	Leave MONDAY • June 10.....8:00 am Return FRIDAY • June 14.....12:00 Noon	(WEEK 2)
PLACE:	Meet at SUNSET VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • (1520 West 600 South) Loading will be on the Northwest side of the building.	
SCHOOLS:	WASATCH • SUNSET VIEW • FRANKLIN	
CAMP DATES:	Leave MONDAY • June 17.....8:00 am Return FRIDAY • June 21.....12:00 Noon	(WEEK 3)
PLACE:	Meet at SUNSET VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • (1520 West 600 South) Loading will be on the Northwest side of the building.	
SCHOOLS:	WESTRIDGE • AMELIA EARHART • TIMPANOGOS • SPRING CREEK	
CAMP DATES:	Leave MONDAY • June 24.....8:00 am Return FRIDAY • June 28.....12:00 Noon	(WEEK 4)
PLACE:	Meet at SUNSET VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • (1520 West 600 South) Loading will be on the Northwest side of the building.	(WEEK 4)



Homesickness

It is not uncommon for a few students to experience homesickness. The staff has a great deal of experience working with homesick children and will encourage them to get involved and make the best of the experience. If the staff determine that the student is really unhappy or a negative influence on others, parents will be contacted to determine a plan of action.

Illness

The staff has no desire to keep a sick student at camp. Many times students who are homesick will say they are sick. A student who says they are sick will have their temperature taken and be evaluated by the Nurse/Health Clerk. If there is any indication that a child is ill, parents will be contacted and asked to pick the child up at the gate.

Leaving Camp During the Week (See #6 on "Suggested Items to Bring")

Arrangements must be made and documented with the Camp Director on Monday when child is dropped off for camp (unless there is an emergency). In order to minimize disruptions and provide safety for all students, you will not be allowed to drive directly into camp. Pick-up and drop-off times at the gate will be 7:30-7:40am and 4:30-4:40pm.

Camp van will leave promptly. Again, all arrangements must have been made prior with Camp Director.

If you missed your scheduled time, please call 801-374-4947 so new arrangements can be made.

DO NOT SEND CHILD INTO CAMP UNATTENDED. THEY MUST ACCOMPANY CAMP STAFF.

Questions? Please call your school, email camp@provo.edu or campadmin@provo.edu

Please check the attached list of items for your child to take to camp.

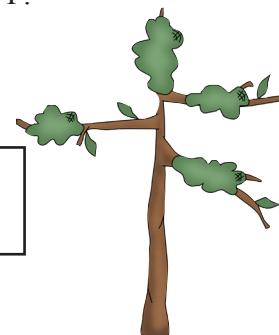
Items Needed

*Please bring a sack lunch for the first day. Also, eat a good breakfast.
DO NOT pack your lunch in your gear. Carry it with you on the bus.*

Emergencies

In case of emergency, please call: Camp Administrative Assistant • 801-374-4947

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Suggested List of Items Needed

CLOTHING

- 1 pair of comfortable shoes for hiking
- 1 extra pair of tennis shoes that can get wet
All shoes must have shoelaces!
- 1 warm jacket or coat
- 1 sweatshirt or sweater
- 2 warm shirts (more if desired)
- 2-3 lightweight t-shirt or blouses
- 3 pairs of ankle length jeans or slacks
- 1-2 pairs of modest shorts
- 5 changes of underwear
- 5 pairs of socks
- 1 bath towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- 2 pairs of warm pajamas
- Rain jacket or poncho

TOILETRIES

- Comb and/or brush
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick (lips dry out in the mountains)

GENERAL EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping bag - not lightweight slumber bag
- 1-2 extra blankets (**nights are cold**)
- Pillow and pillow case
- Flashlight
- 2 empty tuna fish cans
- Sack lunch for the first day and water**
- Water bottle for hike**

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Kleenex
- Hat
- Disposable Camera - marked with name

DO NOT BRING!

- Pocket knives
- Cell Phones (no service), electronic games, etc.
- Tank tops, flip flops/sandals
- Matches, fireworks, etc.
- Excessive amounts of candy
- Money



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12 NOON PICKUP ON FRIDAY

The bus arrives at Sunset View School (1520 West 600 South) at **12 noon sharp on Fridays**. **PLEASE BE PROMPT** in picking up your child.

PLEASE NOTE

1. Please help your child pack their own gear and roll their sleeping bag so they will be able to do it at the end of camp.
2. **Please label your child's belongings.**
3. Your child will NOT need any money at camp.
4. A minimum of 3 pair of long pants are required for protection against the evening cold, stinging nettle, etc. Students may wear modest shorts, however, they are not recommended because of stinging nettle along the trails and the cool evenings.
5. We discourage children from bringing a lot of candy. Squirrels like it too and **often eat through suitcases**. Candy is best kept in a **metal container**. Please do not bring glass containers.
6. In order for your child to get the full benefit of the experience, we strongly encourage you to plan the week so that they may stay Monday through Friday if at all possible. The entrance gate is 1¹/₂ miles from camp and is kept locked at all times for security reasons. We ask for your cooperation with this concern. However, if a child must come back to Provo during the week, we will help you work it out.
FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF YOUR CHILD, DO NOT SEND THEM INTO CAMP UNATTENDED. THEY MUST ACCOMPANY CAMP STAFF WHEN COMING AND LEAVING.
7. A food and supply truck leaves from **Timpview High School** kitchen at 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. Messages or "left-behind" items may be sent to camp on that truck
8. We have 2 hikes during camp. Monday the hike into camp is 2 miles, a moderate hike. Thursday's hike is a fairly strenuous 7 mile hike round trip.



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