

Camp Big Springs

March 2022

Dear Provo City School District Fifth Grade Parents and Students,

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. Students just finishing fifth grade are invited to participate and 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 2022 is:

1. June 6 - 10 (M-F) Canyon Crest, Provost, Rock Canyon
2. June 13 - 17 (M-F) Lakeview, Provo Peaks, Edgemont
3. June 20 - 24 (M-F) Wasatch, Sunsetview, Franklin
4. June 27 - July 1 (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 were sent home from each elementary school on **Friday, February 11, 2022**

***Registration opened on TUESDAY, February 15th, 2022**

***All registration fees and online registration forms are due by Friday, March 11th, 2022**

An optional orientation meeting for parents and students will be held on

Thursday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Sunset View Elementary School Auditorium

1520 West 600 South Provo (northwest corner of the building).

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

This is a cost program with a registration fee of \$150.00

CASH OR CHECK ONLY - NO CREDIT/DEBIT ACCEPTED

Make checks payable to the school where your child attends

Eligible students needing financial aid, may pick up a scholarship 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.

* In the unlikely event that our weekly student counts are low, we reserve the right to consolidate schools into different weeks to fill each week to capacity. As a result, there may only be three weeks of camp.

* The District may also implement a lottery process or take other reasonable steps to fairly allocate its scarce resources.

More information can be found at campbigsprings.provo.edu

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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 & 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 5th and 6th 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 male teachers, four female teachers, Director, Assistant Director, Nurse, food truck driver, custodian, as well as other auxiliary staff.

LENGTH

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

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 (brief overview)

Monday is essentially spent on a field trip, checking in and getting set up at camp

Tuesday & Wednesday we have our outdoor education classes

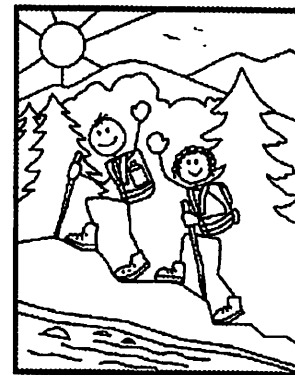
Thursday we hike to "Lightning Ridge"

Friday is "buddy burner" day, gather-up and come home

Early afternoons are structured for recreational activities.

After supper is free-time, sports, and catch-up for arts & crafts.

Every evening we have a campfire program.



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PROVO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

JUNE 2022

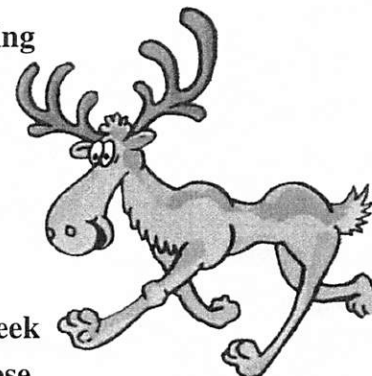
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They will return the following **FRIDAY at 12 NOON**.

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Loading will be on the Northwest side of the building



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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 checked 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 the 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.

The camp van will leave promptly. Again, ALL ARRANGEMENTS **must** have been made **prior** with the Camp Director. If you missed your scheduled time, please call 801-374-4947 so new arrangements can be made.

DO NOT SEND YOUR 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 & DRINK FOR THE **FIRST DAY** and eat a good breakfast.

DO NOT pack your lunch in your gear - carry it with you on the bus. Gear is dropped off separately and you will have no access to it until after lunch.

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

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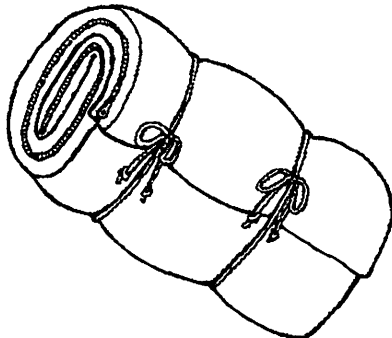
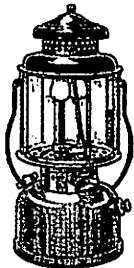
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SUGGESTED LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

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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-shirts/blouses
- 3 pairs of ankle length jeans/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/poncho
- Hat



TOILETRIES

- Comb and/or brush
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Kleenex (optional)

GENERAL EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping bag - needs to be **WARM** (not lightweight)
- 1-2 extra blankets (**nights are COLD**)
- Pillow and pillow case
- Flashlight
- 2 empty tuna fish cans
- Sack lunch for the first day & water**
- Water bottle for the hikes**
- Disposable Camera (label with child's name)

DO NOT BRING!

Pocket knives, cell phones, electronic devices, tank tops, flip flops/sandals, matches, lighters, fireworks, excessive amounts of candy or money.

12 NOON PICK-UP ON FRIDAY

The bus arrives at Sunset View Elementary (1520 W 600 S) at 12 noon sharp on FRIDAY.
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. LABEL your child's belongings.
3. Your child will NOT need money at camp.
4. A minimum of 3 pairs 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 to get to it. Metal containers are the best to store candy in and please do not bring any 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 1 ½ 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 supply truck leaves from Timpview High School kitchen at 7:30am and 2:30pm daily. Messages or "left-behind" items may be sent to camp on that truck.
8. We have 2 hikes during camp. Monday is a moderate 2 mile hike into camp, and Thursday is a fairly strenuous 7 mile round trip hike to lightning ridge.



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TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT DATES AND STEPS TO COMPLETE:

- February 8 & 9** = Camp Director will visit school classrooms about Camp Big Springs
- February 10** = Optional Parent & Student Orientation at Sunset View Elementary School (Gym) @ 6:00pm
- February 11** = Application Forms and Camp Packets sent home with students
- February 15** = Registration opens - Submit your application and payment to your school registrar/secretary
- Complete ONLINE REGISTRATION in POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL** - Once the registrar receives your application and marks your payment as received in the system, you will have immediate access to the online forms in your parent portal account. (See directions below)
- March 11** = Registration closes
- March 11** = Deadline for ONLINE forms to be completed in POWERSCHOOL
- By April 1** = Email notifications sent out of acceptance or declination to camp (potential lottery process or consolidation of camp weeks).

We use the email on file in PowerSchool to contact you, so make sure your information is up to date!

ONLINE FORMS are IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE in the POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL AFTER your school registrar RECEIVES APPLICATION and PAYMENT.


Submitting an application and payment does not guarantee a spot for your child at camp.

The District may implement a lottery process or take other reasonable steps to fairly allocate its scarce resources if needed.

Refunds will be made accordingly at that time of the process.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION IN POWERSCHOOL

Must be done before March 11, 2022 or your student cannot participate in camp!

1. **Log onto your Powerschool Parent Portal account at grades.provo.edu**
 - a. If you don't have a Parent Portal account, please **contact your school registrar.** They will create one for you and assign your student(s).
2. Select your **students name** in the blue bar
3. On the right side, click the blue  icon to open the drawer
4. Click on the link **School Forms.**
5. Locate your child's name and the click the **form 2022 Camp Registration**
6. Fill in the information requested and follow **ALL** directions.
7. When you see **CAMP REGISTRATION COMPLETE**, you can exit your browser.

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If you have any questions about registration, please contact your school registrar.