

2026-27 OUTDOOR ED 8 STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Student Name: _____



Overview:

Outdoor Education is available to students entering Grade 8 at ADR.

The focus is on developing back country knowledge and skills to successfully enjoy outdoor pursuits and physical activity in nature. The curriculum includes back country ethics, orienteering, wildlife safety, leave no trace camping, campcraft (sleeping bags, backpacks, tents, liquid fuel stoves), canoe training, survival dilemmas, archery, basic wilderness first aid, camp skills, topographic maps, rock climbing, environmental awareness, etc.

1. Criteria - Students wishing to enroll in OED 8 must:

- have been a student in good standing in Grade 7
- have a positive attitude and be willing to work hard and persevere through challenges
- have participated fully in grade 7 PE
- change into PE strip for every PE class this coming year
- have represented the school well when participating in off-campus activities
- be available to participate in field outings throughout the year (this includes overnight trips)
- be willing to participate in fundraising efforts

2. Cost

The fee for Outdoor Education 8 is \$60 per month. This cost will be combined with grants, school funds, and fundraising, which will allow us to access the wild all around us and have new experiences. Fees contribute to gear, maintenance, transportation, and training.

Students taking the course will participate in the field experiences which are outlined below:

- Fall day hike(s) such as Elk Mtn, Vedder Mtn, Sumas Mtn
- Introduction to back country camping (fall overnight camp)
- Winter Camping Skills (overnight camp in Manning Park)
- Winter Day Outing (Manning Park)
- Climbing Gym (field trip)
- Caving (day trip)
- Canoe Training (multiple afternoons at Cultus Lake)
- Numerous other trips during the school day, including (but not limited to) cycling, swimming, and trail maintenance.

3. Parent Responsibilities

Pay the \$60 per month fee. A \$120 deposit, which goes towards the total fee, is due by the first day of school in September. Please make arrangements with the office to pay the remaining monthly fees. There are opportunities for financial assistance if required – please reach out to us if needed.

4. Equipment Needs

Students must provide their own hiking appropriate footwear, top and bottom base layer, proper outer wear, and a sleeping bag compression sack. All other equipment (sleeping bag, backpack, tents, stoves, tarps, canoes, PFD's, etc.) will be provided by the Outdoor Education program. More details will come after confirmation of acceptance into the program.

Explain why you want to be in Outdoor Education 8.

Students, you are to fill this out (not your parents). *If you need more space, please attach a separate page.*

Teacher Endorsement: Please have a teacher sign here supporting your application.

***Parents/Guardians: please note that your son/daughter is expected to participate in ALL Outdoor Education day trip outings. Overnight outings are optional.**

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent email address: _____

