



KLAMATH OUTDOOR Science School

PARENT INFORMATION PACKET Residential Camps

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SUMMER RESIDENTIAL CAMPS

Welcome to an exciting adventure in fun and learning! We have prepared this packet to help make your time with us easy and rewarding. Please read it carefully and don't hesitate to contact us at kossreservations@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Location: KOSS is located on ten forested acres in Sun Pass State Forest, 45 miles north of Klamath Falls off of highway 62, near Kimball State Park and the headwaters of the Wood River. The nearest town is Fort Klamath. A map and directions are enclosed.

Facilities: You will be staying with us for one to three nights. There are two large 30-foot diameter yurts for sleeping quarters for students and chaperones. One yurt will be for the boys and one for the girls. Each yurt has 24 beds. Until our new kitchen/dining pavilion is completed, a 30x15 ft. tent will be used for meals and some activities. Restrooms have sinks and flush toilets. ADA accessible restrooms are also available as needed.

Meals: Hot breakfasts and dinners will be served every day. We will also provide with lunches each day except your arrival day. On that day you will bring your own lunches. Students should bring a water bottle, which is refillable at our camp. Please notify us at least a week in advance if you have any food allergies or if you need a modified diet.

Weather: Although summer is generally nice in the Klamath Basin, weather here can be unpredictable. Be prepared for cold nights. Our site is generally about five degrees cooler than Klamath Falls, and there are more mosquitoes. We advise packing clothes that can be worn in layers so you can put them on and take them off as conditions warrant.

Equipment: An equipment list is enclosed. Everything on the equipment list is important. Don't skimp! We will be outside for the entire day. If the weather is warm, students do not have to wear their warmer clothes, but it is impossible to wear clothes that haven't been brought along. **BE PREPARED!** You will be in the woods where long pants are the appropriate attire. Long pants are somewhat warmer, but they protect you from mosquitoes and other insects. Sandals are NOT ALLOWED on hikes, and may be used only in and around camp or the water. You must bring athletic type shoes for wearing on hikes! Bring clothes that can be layered so it is easy to adjust to changing weather. **Names must be on every item. Students must bring their own refillable water bottles.**

Standard Field Gear: A list of standard field gear is posted in each yurt. Students are required to have all of these items before heading out on any field study. If a field journal is required, it will be supplied by KOSS, but please bring at least two pencils.

What NOT to bring: Except for the first day's lunch, **no one should bring candy, pop, gum, snacks, or food** of any kind unless necessary for to meet specific medical situations. If unauthorized food is brought, it will be confiscated and not returned. Authorized food supplements will be kept in designated place. Food in the yurts is against health department regulations because it attracts rodents.

Do not bring electronics of any kind, except a camera. Cell phones may be used as cameras, but not for any other use. Phone calls may be made ONLY with the permission of the camp leader. Appreciating the natural setting and experiencing primitive conditions is an integral part of outdoor school. A good book to read during rest time would be great!

There is limited electricity, so leave items like blow driers and curling irons at home. Jewelry and makeup are not recommended. The latter attract can attract yellow jackets and mosquitoes. Sandals may be used **ONLY** in the yurts and in the water. Closed shoes protect your feet much better on uneven ground, so you will be expected to wear them at all times when outside of the yurt.

Chaperones: Students will be supervised by an adult at **ALL** times, and more than one adult will be in the yurts with the students at night. Overall, there will be one adult for every 10-15 students.

Medical Concerns: Every participant is required to complete and return the signed medical form which is included in this packet. All medications must be given to the camp leader directly by a parent or supervising adult. Students are not allowed to have medications of any kind, whether prescription or over-the-counter, in their possession at any time. **All medications must be in their original containers and have the child's name on the container, along with dosage instructions.**

Behavior Expectations: Be sure your child reads and understands the enclosed sheet outlining behavior expectations and rules and policies. If necessary, parents will be required to come and get any student who is not able to follow these.

Reaching Us At Camp: KOSS is in an area of Sun Pass State Forest that has poor cell phone reception and there is no internet except via cell phone. If you need to contact us, you should call the camp leader's cell phone at 541-660-4222 and leave a message. A secondary emergency number is 541-891-4177. We will check messages often and will return your call. Please do not call unless it is extremely important.

Emergencies: We have a detailed emergency plan for any situation that should arise. Our staff is trained to follow that plan. They are also trained in first aid and CPR. If additional emergency services are needed, we have the ability to access those services by radio through the Oregon Department of Forestry Zone Dispatch. These are only for calling out and only for emergencies.

Klamath Outdoor Science School Health/Medical and Permission Form

All students and adults participating in KOSS programs must fill out this form completely.
Return this form to your teacher or group leader. Please PRINT CLEARLY.

Participant Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: ___/___/___
Parent/Guardian: _____ Home Phone: _____
Street Address: _____ Work Phone: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Home e-mail: _____ Work e-mail: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Home Phone: _____
Relationship: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please check if participant is subject to the following and include an explanation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ADD/ADHD | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart trouble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe bee sting allergy | <input type="checkbox"/> Deafness | <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dyslexia | <input type="checkbox"/> Other allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed wetting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |

Explanation: _____

List all current medications, time(s) taken, and for what condition(s): _____

List any allergies to medications, the reaction, and the severity: _____

List any past medical conditions, injuries, or illnesses that might affect the program, including any restrictions of activity for medical reasons: _____

Describe any behavior problems that might be disruptive to group learning: _____

List any dietary restrictions or food allergies (including reaction and severity): _____

Date of last tetanus inoculation (**Must be within the last 10 years.**) _____

Do you authorize the group leader or camp manager to dispense over the counter drugs, such as Tylenol, Advil, or Benadryl if needed? YES NO

Provider Information

Doctor's name: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Insurance Address: _____

My child has my permission to participate in all sessions and field trip activities. I am this child's parent or legal guardian. In consideration of my child's participation in the program, I hereby release, waive, and discharge KOSS, and all of its instructors, employees, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from any and all liability to me, to my child, and to all my legal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for damage and injury to my child or to any person or property arising out of participation in the program, whether on KOSS premises or elsewhere. I hereby grant permission for KOSS to use photographs including my child for any of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration.

Adult participant or parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Directions to Klamath Outdoor Science School

From Klamath Falls:

1. Follow Hwy 97 north to Hwy 62 (Crater Lake Highway) and turn west (left).
2. Go north on Hwy 62 for 11 miles
3. Turn right on the Kimball State Park Road immediately after passing the Ft. Klamath Museum, (milepost ~91.5). The “turn” occurs on a sharp curve.
4. Follow the Kimball Park Road approximately 3 miles north, passing the Sun Pass State Forest sign and Dixon Road.
5. Just past Dixon Road, take the next unpaved forest road to the east (right) to Klamath Outdoor Science School.

From Chiloquin:

1. Follow Hwy 422 (North Chiloquin Hwy) under Highway 97 and continue to Hwy 62.
2. Turn north (right) on Highway 62.
3. Turn right on the Kimball State Park Road immediately after passing the Ft. Klamath Museum, (milepost ~91.5). The “turn” occurs on a sharp curve.
4. Follow the Kimball Park Road approximately 3 miles north, passing the Sun Pass State Forest sign and Dixon Road.
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From the north:

1. Follow Hwy 97 to Hwy 422 (north Chiloquin exit, just south of milepost 247).
2. Turn west (right), toward Fort Klamath onto Hwy 422.
3. Follow Hwy 422 to Hwy 62.
4. Turn north (right) on Highway 62.
5. Turn right on the Kimball State Park Road immediately after passing the Ft. Klamath Museum, (milepost ~91.5). The “turn” occurs on a sharp curve.
6. Follow the Kimball Park Road approximately 3 miles north, passing the Sun Pass State Forest sign and Dixon Road.
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From the west:

1. Follow Highway 140 to the east to Forest Road 3456 (milepost 43).
2. Turn north (left) on Forest Road 3456 (West Side Road) and continue approximately 17 miles until West Side Road becomes Sevenmile Road.
3. Follow Sevenmile Road approximately 5 miles to a T-intersection with Weed Road.
4. Turn north (left) onto Weed Road and continue to the town of Fort Klamath and Highway 62.
5. Turn right on Highway 62 and go 1.2 miles to Kimball Park Road.
6. Turn left on Kimball Park Road and follow it approximately 3 miles north, passing the Sun Pass State Forest sign and Dixon Road.
7. Just past Dixon Road, take the next unpaved forest road to the east (right) to Klamath Outdoor Science School.

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Behavior Expectations

We at KOSS promise to do our very best to make your stay with us rewarding, educational, and fun. In return, we ask that each participant promise the following:

1. I will respect the environment around me and leave it in the same or better condition than I found it.
2. I will show respect for my instructors and counselors and follow their instructions without delay.
3. I will treat all KOSS property and equipment with respect and care.
4. I will respect the rights, feelings, and property of my fellow students at all times, even when I disagree with them.
5. I will show respect for myself, always looking out for my own safety.
6. I will not interfere in any way with anyone else's right to an enjoyable and educational outdoor experience.
7. I will be ready on time for all group activities.
8. I will keep my belongings neat and my camp area clean.
9. I will dress in standard field gear for all field activities.
10. I will do my best to learn.

Rules and Policies

1. KOSS rules and policies will be explained and will apply while you are participating in KOSS programs. If a rule is not stated, then good judgment, safety, courtesy, and respect apply.
2. All state, federal, and local laws and regulations will be obeyed at all times.
3. All people are to be treated with respect at all times. This precludes the use of obscenities, slurs, or violence of any kind.
4. The environment is to be treated with care and respect. Move, observe and examine with as little disturbance as possible. Handling potentially dangerous animals or plants is prohibited.
5. Contact a KOSS staff member immediately if anyone is sick or injured.
6. Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind are not allowed on the KOSS premises. Students may not bring knives of any kind. Sharp tools are to be used in a manner that will not injure yourself or others, and only while supervised by an adult.
7. Use of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal substances by **anyone**, whether minor or adult, is **never** allowed and will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
8. Quiet hours will be observed between 9:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and during designated rest periods. During these times, campers are to be in their bunks and quiet.
9. Separate sleeping areas for male and female students will be strictly maintained. Physical displays of affection are not allowed.
11. All personal and KOSS property should be used only with permission and treated with care.
12. Unsafe activities must be avoided at all times.
13. Violation of these rules and policies, are grounds for dismissal from KOSS programs. In the event of a dismissal, parents or guardians are responsible for making transportation arrangements to pick up their child from the program.

Klamath Outdoor Science School Summer Packing List:



Put your name on EVERY item you bring! KOSS is not responsible for lost or damaged items. Please try to pack everything in one large or two small duffle bags. **A small backpack containing water and your first day's lunch should be carried separately.** Dress in layers to be prepared for changing weather conditions. Bring extra clothes because it is very likely that some will get wet.

DO NOT BRING FOOD, other than lunch for your first day. No food is allowed in the yurts!

Do not bring electronics or electrical appliances of any kind. (One purpose of outdoor school is to experience life without electronic games and conveniences.)

_____ Jeans or long pants (One pair per day.
Sweat pants not recommended for field wear.)

_____ Shorts (One pair per day)

_____ Shirts (Adequate number for days at camp
And to wear in layers, at least one long-
sleeved.)

_____ Underwear
Adequate number for days at camp

_____ Modest sleeping apparel

_____ Socks
2 pair per day

_____ Two pairs shoes. (Sturdy,
comfortable walking shoes. No sandals,
open-toed, or open-back shoes!)

_____ Sandals or flip-flops (for use in water or
in yurts **ONLY!**)

_____ Sweatshirt or hoodie

_____ Light jacket or windbreaker
(Good for repelling mosquitoes!)

_____ Rainwear

_____ Hat with brim for sun protection

_____ Sunglasses

_____ Warm sleeping bag

_____ Pillow

_____ Soap and Container

_____ Towel

_____ Hairbrush/Comb

_____ Toothbrush/Toothpaste

_____ Deodorant

_____ Sunscreen and lip balm

_____ Flashlight with new batteries

_____ Backpack

_____ Water bottle with screw-on lid

_____ Reading material (optional)

_____ Pencils (2 or 3)

_____ Camera (optional) A cell phone may be used as a camera, but no game-playing or other use will be allowed, and no phone calls except with permission of the camp leader.

Jewelry is not recommended. (It gets broken &/or lost easily.)