

When and where will my child be attending Outdoor School?

Rogue Outdoor School takes place at Camp Latgawa in Eagle Point, OR or Camp Myrtlewood in Myrtle Point, OR. Students will get to the camp on buses leaving from their school. You will receive information about dates of attendance from your school.

What is the weather going to be like at Outdoor School?

Camp Latgawa and Camp Myrtlewood usually has similar weather to Grants Pass and Medford. While Camp Latgawa is technically in Eagle Point, Lakecreek is the nearest, most accurate landmark for looking up the weather forecast for that site.

Who do I talk to about dietary, medical, or other concerns about my student's specific needs?

Be sure to share any concerns about your student's participation at ODS with your student's teacher. If you have any questions or concerns about how we can accommodate your student's specific needs, contact the Outdoor School Coordinator at stacey@rogue-ee.com. If you have questions or concerns about medications, please contact your school. Each school will designate a health officer to manage and dispense medications while at Outdoor School.

What medicine should I send with my child?

Send any prescription medications or supplements your student takes *in the original container*. The school will designate a health officer to manage and dispense all medications, including over-the-counter medications. If you have any questions about what over-the-counter medications will be available, please contact your school. You can send additional over-the-counter medications your student might need if the school will not be supplying them (e.g. preferred painkiller in case of headaches).

All medications should be brought directly to the health officer before students board the bus and will be stored in a locked container while at ODS.

What happens if my child gets hurt or sick at Outdoor School?

All Outdoor School staff members are certified in first aid and CPR. In the unlikely event that your child becomes ill or injured, staff will administer first aid as needed and contact you as soon as possible.

Are Outdoor School staff trained in first aid and CPR?

Rogue Outdoor School requires that all staff be certified in first aid and CPR.

What happens if my child gets homesick?

A little homesickness is a very common occurrence at ODS. For many students, this is their first extended period away from home or family. Staff and teachers work to keep students busy and engaged and most homesickness fades away after the first night. However, there are some ways you can prepare your student(s) for the experience. Encourage them to have a good time: tell them you want them to make memories and return home with stories to tell you. Don't promise phone calls home or that you'll come get them if they call. You can write a letter and pack in their bag for them to find. Focus on your excitement for the fun they're having, rather than how much you miss them!

If staff have any significant concerns about your student's homesickness, we will reach out to you to figure out the best way to support your student.

What are the sleeping arrangements like?

Students will be assigned a cabin group that they will stay in during their time at ODS. Camp has a variety of cabin and dormitory sleeping accommodations with bunk and cot beds with mattresses. Teachers are responsible for deciding cabin groups. If a student's cabin and/or bathroom assignment does not meet the student's comfort level, staff will work with the student and their family to create a solution that ensures student safety and comfort.

What are the bathrooms like?

The majority of bathrooms at camp are separated by gender and have multiple stalls. All-gender, single-stall bathrooms are also available to any student who desires increased privacy for any reason, including changing clothes.

Who supervises the cabins at night?

Each cabin group has an adult chaperone that stays in that cabin throughout the night. Chaperones are recruited and selected by schools and teachers.

What do chaperones do?

Chaperones are each responsible for a cabin group while at ODS. They help supervise the students in their cabin, ensure everybody is prepared and on time for activities, and role model participation, inclusion, and enthusiasm for students. Chaperones also help out with chores to keep ODS running smoothly. More information about being a chaperone can be found in the Chaperone Handbook.

How do I sign up to be a chaperone?

If you are interested in being a chaperone for your student's ODS field trip, please contact your student's teacher. Chaperones are recruited and selected by schools and teachers.

What are high school student leaders?

Student leaders are high school student volunteers that act as junior counselors and teachers at ODS. Student leaders are each assigned a cabin group to get to know, play games with, and be a role model for. They also lead small groups of students in hands-on science activities during field study. Student leaders sleep in separate cabins from students and chaperones.

How are high school student leaders selected and trained?

High school students must be in good academic standing at their school to be eligible. High school teachers and counselors give students permission to attend a training workshop, where they receive information and tools for leadership and outdoor education. ODS staff select students who demonstrate responsibility, maturity, and enthusiasm. Students who are selected are again screened by high school

teachers and counselors in order to receive permission to attend ODS as a student leader. While at ODS, student leaders work under close supervision of ODS staff.

How does Outdoor School ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all students including transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming youth?

Rogue Environmental Education is committed to creating a learning environment conducive to the overall developmental and social-emotional health and well-being of students. Transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming youth often experience discrimination, harassment, and implicit bias at school and in their lives. These experiences can send students the message that they do not belong. In all of our programming, we make it clear: All students do belong and are welcome.

How much does Outdoor School cost?

There are no costs to families. Through the funding provided by Measure 99, all 5th and 6th graders in Oregon are able to participate in ODS for free.