###### Skw’une-was Program

##### Parent Letter

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Grade \_\_ students are scheduled to attend the Skw’une-was Program at Cheakamus Centre from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This two day supplementary overnight program is designed to provide cultural environmental learning experiences for students in a supported community-living setting. For this purpose, the School District owns the 165 hectare (420 acre) Cheakamus Centre site located 15 km north of Squamish in the Paradise Valley. For more information on the Skw’une-was program, check out this [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ4_jDMCSSc&feature=youtu.be&list=PL19i_ec0UJUv5Rjt7zvRS_FJoYxjiOL_Z) and visit our website. You can also check out some information on some of the traditional foods at the longhouse [here](https://www.cheakamuscentre.ca/assets/docs/forms/2018/Longhouse_Traditional_Foods.pdf).

The students and accompanying staff will travel by chartered bus, leaving the school at 8:00 am on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and arriving back to the school at approximately 3:00 pm on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Participation in this program is supplemental to classroom studies and will not be used for assessment of learning outcomes.** While we encourage all students to attend this important learning experience, alternate arrangements will be made for students who do not participate in the program. Please note all students are welcome at Cheakamus Centre – please see this [information for parents document](https://cheakamuscentre.ca/assets/docs/forms/2018/SD44_Cheakamus_Information_for_parents.pdf) re: SD44 programs at Cheakamus Centre and follow up with your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

The program fee for 2019-2020 is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and includes all meals, snacks, and transportation. **Payment is requested as soon as possible through School Cash Online (cheques are no longer accepted).** Should the cost of the program be a concern for your family, please contact our Principal.

There will be an important parent information meeting on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_ to review details of the trip. Please take the time to read the attached information sheet, and sign and return the *Informed Consent* and *Medical Form* to your child’s teacher by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (classroom teacher)

Parent Information Meeting

I will be attending the parent information meeting on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Room \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Please return this confirmation slip to indicate your planned attendance.

Comments:

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# Parent/Guardian Signature Parent/Guardian Name