###### Outdoor School Program

##### Parent Letter

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

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Grade \_\_ students are scheduled to attend the Outdoor School Program at Cheakamus Centre from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This \_\_ day supplementary overnight program is designed to provide outdoor 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. Please review the [Parent Handbook](http://cheakamuscentre.ca/assets/docs/forms/2017/Parent%20Handbook_Digital%20Version_Sept%202017%20FINAL.pdf) as it is an excellent resource for learning more about the program and the steps needed to prepare your child for this unique educational experience.

The students and accompanying staff will travel by chartered bus, leaving the school at 9:00am on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and arriving back to the school at approximately 3:00pm 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 2022-2023 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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