

Home School Fridays at YMCA Camp Seymour

Winter / Spring 2010

Choose one day each month starting in January
Facilitated by professional Camp Seymour Naturalists

Classes:

Classes change each month, but always mix environmental education and outdoor recreation. Based on parent feedback, this year we are going to offer two dates each month...a Friday and a Monday. Please choose only one date to attend as we will do the same program for both days each month. There wasn't a second open date in March or May, so there is only one calendar option in those months.

Program Goals and Philosophy:

This program is designed for a home-school student to meet the following goals: 1) develop relationships with other home-school students and camp staff, 2) have fun while experiencing hands-on environmental education taught by professional naturalists, and 3) learn outdoor and recreational skills in a safe setting. To meet these goals, we have a low student to staff ratio by limiting the number of participants to 30, have the same few naturalists lead every program, and encourage students to attend each month by varying the classes and having a whole lot of fun!

Spring Dates and Themes¹:

Jan 25th or 29th: Monster Day!

Squid & Sasquatch! We'll focus on one real life monster and one mythical monster. In Camp's famous Squid Dissection class, kids get to learn all about cephalopods through HANDS-ON investigation of wild caught squid. In our Sasquatch class, students will employ the scientific method to explore Sasquatch habitat and discover what Sasquatch would eat to survive. Maybe we'll even see a Sasquatch in Camp's old forest?

Feb 12th or 15th: Adventure Day!

Put on your adventure hats and get ready to tackle Camp Seymour's 37 foot tall climbing wall! We'll also take out our 16 passenger "Big Canoes" for a ride around Glen Cove and maybe even venture into Henderson Bay.

March 12: Wildlife Ecology!

Camp Naturalists will lead the students in several fun activities that involve ecological concepts like predator/prey relationships, food chains, and more!

¹ Classes subject to change depending on weather and availability

April 19th or 23rd : Wilderness Day!

What would you do if you became lost in the wilderness? Students will learn about shelter building, fire building, the 10 essentials, edible plants, and the wilderness ethic. The plan is to spend the whole four hours in the undeveloped part of Camp Seymour. Students may even cook part of their lunch over an open fire. Take only pictures, leave only footprints!

May 14th: Recreation Day!

Waterfront, Archery, low tide beach walk, Marine Science Touch Tanks and Reptiles all will be open on this day. Go where you like!

Basic Schedule

10:00 Arrive at Camp Seymour at the upper parking lot
10:15 Class 1 -
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Class 2 -
2:00 Head to the upper parking lot to be picked up.
We'll see you next time!!!!

We will accept the first 30 kids that sign up. The \$20 daily fee includes program by two Camp Seymour Naturalists, program supplies and lunch. Please include an additional \$4 for a limited YMCA membership, if not a YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties member. *Pre-pay for the entire spring season and receive a 10% discount.* Parents can participate for free and eat lunch for \$8.00. \$3 per sibling discount. Five year olds and under with constant parental supervision are welcome for free and can eat lunch for \$2.

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