

# Resident Outdoor Environmental School (R.O.E.S)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Proof of Residency and Registration Assistance Day: August 17, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

**For the 43<sup>rd</sup>** time, the sixth grade teachers and Wood River Middle School staff are again offering the **overnight** Residential Outdoor Environmental School (R.O.E.S.) for all sixth grade students. Since 1975, our program has proven to be one of the most successful and longest running outdoor educational programs of its kind in Idaho. It offers the sixth grade students a chance to study the environment in an outdoor setting as they conduct chemical analysis of the riparian community, explore wilderness survival and orienteering, problem solve global environmental concerns, and engage in team building activities during their overnight stay at Cathedral Pines (near Easley Hot Springs.)

## Goals for Environmental School

1. R.O.E.S. will increase the awareness of ecological principles that govern the environment. (IB focus: balanced thinker)
2. R.O.E.S. will introduce the techniques of safe and ethical outdoor behavior. (IB focus: caring and principled)
3. R.O.E.S. will allow students to experience problem solving and decision-making processes directly related to wider global concerns. (IB focus: knowledgeable risk-taker)
4. R.O.E.S. will enhance independent and collaborative thinking. (IB focus: open-minded inquirer)
5. R.O.E.S. will promote communication, participation, and environmental education in the community. (IB focus: communicator)
6. R.O.E.S. will promote the adoption of a "personal" environmental ethic. (IB focus: reflective thinker)

**Camp Dates:** Camp Dates are based on the student's SCIENCE teacher

You will attend <b>ROES 1</b> if your SCIENCE teacher is:	You will attend <b>ROES 2</b> if your SCIENCE teacher is:
<b>Mr. Gralenski</b>	<b>Mrs. Henning</b>
<b>ROES 1</b> <b>Dates: September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup></b> (Monday and Tuesday)	<b>ROES 2</b> <b>Dates: September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup></b> (Thursday and Friday)

If you have any questions concerning the program, please contact your child's 1<sup>ST</sup> period teacher at 578-5030 or Mr. Gralenski's cell at 309-0323. We are looking forward to meeting and working with your child **overnight** in this outdoor educational setting.

Sincerely,  
The Sixth Grade Teachers and Wood River Middle School Staff

## Important Camp Information and Reminders

- **Location:** ROES is overnight and is held at Cathedral Pines Camp near Easley Hot Springs in the SNRA, north of Ketchum. The staff is composed of teachers from the Wood River Middle School, community volunteers, a Game Warden from Idaho Fish and Game, the Wood River Land Trust, and Trout Unlimited. The phone number for Cathedral Pines is 726-0941; however we are in an outdoor classroom, so please call only in an emergency.
- **Tuition:** The tuition for this year's program is \$25.00 (cash or check) which covers 3 meals, lodging and use of the grounds for the 2 days and **1 night** the student is at environmental school. **Checks** may be made out to **Blaine County Schools**.
- **Medical Insurance:** Medical insurance is recommended but not required for your child's attendance in this program. If your child is not covered by insurance and you would like to purchase medical insurance for the ROES program, school insurance forms are available in the school office or from your child's science teacher.
- **Medications:** Students must have a **medical form** (Physicians Order for Prescription and Non-Prescription Medications Given in School) **filled out and signed by a doctor to take any medication (including over the counter medicines) while at camp.** On the first morning of camp, a camp nurse will be in the WRMS cafeteria to collect all medications prior to students boarding the busses. A camp nurse will be at ROES to distribute the medications to students with the required forms. Medical forms are available in the school office or from your child's science teacher.
- **Student Drop-off and Pick-up:** You will need to make arrangements to drop-off and pick-up your child at school. The school district does not allow luggage or camping gear on the regularly scheduled schools buses.
  - **Drop-off:** Please make arrangements to get your child to Wood River Middle School on the first day of camp (by 8:15 am on Monday for ROES 1 and by 8:15 am on Thursday for ROES 2). Students report to the cafeteria with their gear (students do NOT go to their classrooms). High school counselors and parent volunteers will help gather the students and their gear into cabin groups. Mr. Peters and/or Mr. Ditch will oversee loading students onto the busses by cabin groups. Parent volunteers will assist with loading gear onto the busses.
  - **Pick-up:** You will need to pick your child up at Wood River Middle School at the end of camp (by 5:30 on Tuesday for ROES 1 and by 5:30 on Friday for ROES 2).
- **What to Bring to Camp:** A suggested packing list will be provided the first week of school. If you do not have a sleeping bag, warm jacket, flashlight, hat, gloves, day pack, raingear, luggage, or water bottle, please talk to your science teacher. There is a limited amount of equipment that can be borrowed from Wood River Middle School.
- **Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Camp:** Students will need a sack lunch on the first day of camp. The week before camp, students may sign-up for a sack lunch from the school cafeteria (to be organized by your child's science teacher). **Do not include any nut products!**
- **Camp Responsibility Code:** ROES, because of its outdoor setting, involves greater safety risks. To keep everyone safe, all students must:
  1. Follow all rules given by the school's staff and the camp facility's staff.
  2. Exhibit respectful and cooperative behavior.
  3. Take all learning seriously.

Consequences for not following the above are:

  1. A warning will be given by the camp director.
  2. The student will be sent home with parents providing the transportation.

**Serious infractions will be sent home without a warning.**

GRALENSKI / HENNING  
(Circle One)

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(Circle One)

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL – PARENT PERMISSION FORM

(Name of Student) \_\_\_\_\_, has parental permission to attend  
the two-day Resident Outdoor Environmental School (ROES). The dates of the outing are  
**September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (Gralenski)**      **September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (Henning)**

**\$25.00** fee to help cover the cost of 3 meals, cabins, use of grounds, and incidentals (checks payable to Blaine County Schools).

Should it be necessary to have medical care, and we cannot be reached by phone, I hereby give the certified members of the staff permission to use their judgment in obtaining the best of such service for our child. We understand that any cost beyond insurance coverage will be our responsibility.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD

1. **Physical Activity:** Can your child participate in normal physical activity? **YES/NO**
2. **Allergies/Food needs:** Please list any factors that might affect the care of your child such as asthma, allergies, etc...: Does your child have any specific food needs? If so, what are they?:  
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3. **EXTRA Student Needs:** To protect your child, but not to exclude them from the program, please help us with the following information: **At Night:** Does your child have any nighttime “behaviors” we should know about? If so, please specify any reasonable way we can make the night comfortable for your student:  
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4. **Your Doctor:** If you have a **preferred** physician for your child, please provide the physician’s contact information:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Physician

\_\_\_\_\_  
City of Physician’s Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

5. **MEDICATIONS:** If there are **ANY prescription or non-prescription medications** (EVEN A COUGH DROP!) your child will need at camp **you must have a PHYSICIANS ORDER FORM WITH A DR’s SIGNATURE!**

**Yes** or **NO** – My child will be needing a medication at camp.

6. **If yes** you must have the medical form - *Physicians Order for Prescription and Non-Prescription Medications Given in School* - filled out and **signed by a doctor for each medication!** Medical forms are **available now**, in the school office, or from your child’s science teacher.