

"Long Ago at Lutherwood"
Territorial's All School Outdoor School
Monday - Friday, June 12th - 16th, 2017

Dear Territorial Families,

February 2017

Our school is dedicated to providing our students with hands-on enriching nature activities that we hope they will remember for a lifetime. That is why your TPA has been working so hard for the past two years to raise enough money to provide this opportunity for preschool through 5th grade. We sincerely appreciate your financial support and now we need to ask for some of your time to make it all run smoothly providing an exceptional experience for everyone.

To those of you new to our school since our last outdoor school experience, here is a brief overview of what happens at camp. Students are bused promptly at 8:30 am from Territorial School to Camp Lutherwood, 22960 Hwy 36, just 20 minutes from our school. Students will be divided into 12 clans, or groups, led by a Territorial staff member and at least one parent helper. The more parents we have that can help, the smaller the adult to student ratio. There will be 10 to 14 students in each clan. Clans will be scheduled into two 50-minute stations before lunch and two 50-minute stations after lunch, Monday through Thursday. Friday will have a different schedule, with a Final Feast and culminating closing ceremony. Stations will include: Archery led by someone from Cabela's, Climbing Tower & Swimming led by Lutherwood Staff, Outdoor Cooking led by Deb Vogt and Kelli Massey, Leathercraft led by Rebecca Smith, Camp Songs & Skits led by Amy Burrow, Stream Exploration led by Krystal Abrams and Archeological Dig led by The Museum of Natural and Cultural History. **We are still in need of station leaders for Old Time Games, Treasure Hunt and Pioneer Challenge.** Sandy Tedrick and Lysa Sangermano will coordinate the Final Feast. We need helpers at all of our stations, in each clan, and for Friday's Feast. Additionally, having a photographer to capture the week on film would be awesome. The buses will transport us back to school each day promptly at 2:10 pm for our regular 2:30 pm dismissal.

Our theme will take us on a time travel adventure this year back to the days of old when the first settlers were coming to our area to homestead. We have several wonderful surprises in store for the week while keeping with our theme.

We also need donations of items and time to keep the cost down and keep with our theme of "Long Ago at Lutherwood". Hazelnuts, smoked salmon, jerky, fruits, berries and any foods locally grown would really help with our feast. New packages of multicolored Sharpie markers, pretty rocks, shells and other treasures found in nature would help too. We could also use people willing to sew our buffs, tubular stretchy bandanas, which we will wear to represent each clan at camp this year.

For any questions or to volunteer to help June 12th - 16th, feel free to contact Terrie, at 541-998-8371, or via email at tmcfadden@junctioncity.k12.or.us.

All volunteers need to complete a background check prior to volunteering at Outdoor School. The form is in the Territorial School office and **must be completed by May 1st.**

Respectfully,

Terrie McFadden (aka. Mother Frog)

Outdoor School Meeting 1/31/17

In Attendance: Deena McDonald, Sheila Allred, Tara Jo Hayes, Tara Reich, Whitney Pratt, Lindsey Defoe, Jolene Petersen, Kelli Massey, Debra Vogt, Natalie Ryan, Wendy Thelander, Terrie McFadden, Pam Nelson, Annette Sisler

Terrie invited the group to make Pebble Pals during the meeting and a bucket was completed.

We then discussed the minutes from our meeting on 11/21/16 and approved them without change.

Terrie presented a request from Nadira, the principal at Laurel, asking us to switch weeks with Laurel's fourth grade outdoor school. They have scheduled the week before ours. The reason for the switch was to take full advantage of the instructional time their students need. After a short discussion, it was decided that we would not switch with them. We have things booked already. Deb Vogt has taken the week off, as have others involved, and our students deserve the same opportunity for instructional time as Laurel's fourth graders, which was why we chose the week we did. Terrie will share our decision with Dina and she will tell Nadira.

After a discussion about themes, the decision was made to call this year's outdoor school "Long Ago at Lutherwood Territorial's 2017 Outdoor School" and slow the pace to a hundred years ago or so when the settlers were coming on the Oregon Trail and settling here.

The committee agreed to have buffs instead of bandanas this year in different colors for each clan. JoAnn's Fabrics is a good source for fabric and Deena volunteered her mother to help with the sewing involved. We will need several people to cut and sew and we will work on that after we purchase the fabric. We also decided to go with blue T-shirts and yellow drawstring bags this year, which is the opposite from 2015.

The group also decided that we wanted to have the Museum of Natural and Cultural History return because the Archeological Dig was popular and goes so well with our theme this year. It will cost \$400.00 for two days, Monday and Tuesday of outdoor school for the 1st-5th grade clans. Terrie booked them following the meeting.

Terrie shared that she has been in contact with Krystal Abrams to lead a Stream Exploration station again this year and she is willing and happy to share her expertise with us. Krystal now works for Beyond Toxics so hopefully we can provide a stipend to Krystal for her time and travel expenses. Other stations we know we will have are: Climbing Tower and Swimming led by Camp Lutherwood, Outdoor Cooking led by Deb Vogt and Kelli Massey who will be Deb's apprentice for this year hopefully taking it over in 2019, Archery led by Cabelas, Leather Craft led by Rebecca Smith, Wood Elf led by Mother Frog (Terrie) for the younger clans and Camp Songs led by Amy B. We would like to include an Old Time Games station, a Pioneer Challenge station and a Treasure Hunt station but we need station masters for these. We also decided that yoga wasn't that popular so we will not repeat that. We will be looking for new station ideas in the coming months as well.

A letter to families that explains about this year's outdoor school will go out in February inviting parents to make sure they have a background check on file with the district, recruiting for station masters and requesting needed supplies. With the letter, a T-shirt design form will be included inviting students to submit a T-shirt design for consideration. Additionally, Terrie asked if someone would be willing to take on the task of T-shirt ordering and distributing them when they arrive. The committee will decide as a group which designs to include on the T-shirt at the March meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Summary of Outdoor School 2017 Meeting 11/21/2016

In Attendance: Terrie McFadden, Sara Probert, Whitney Pratt, Tara Reich, Deena McDonald, Stacy Anderson, Sheila Allred, Dan Allred, Lindsey Defoe, Jolene Petersen, Shelly Dickson, Tara Jo Hayes

Terrie gave a brief overview of what Outdoor School looks like in terms of schedule and some of our past activities.

Terrie shared with the group that Camp Lutherwood raised the cost of the day use charge from \$5.00 a day per person to \$10.00. After several email conversations, Camp Lutherwood gave us a reduced rate of \$7.00 a day per person making the total cost for Lutherwood \$7,150.00. This cost includes pool use, life guards, climbing tower and facilitators. Although it is considerably more than in 2015, we are still interested in having outdoor school there in 2017.

Several ideas were shared including: gold panning which Sara is checking into, leather craft led by Rebecca Smith, making a video of outdoor cooking and everything it entails to use as training once Deb Vogt retires after this year. Hopefully we can find someone who is willing to be Deb's apprentice this year and that they will be interested in taking it on in 2019.

We discussed having buffs instead of bandanas this year and Terrie shared that if we do bandanas she would like to get the 27"x27" so they would be large enough to do more with. Terrie shared that she saw some "tubudanas" that are less expensive than buffs but work the same way. She will check into the cost of these and get back to the group in January. The Dollar Store has string bags so Terrie will check into the quality and look into ordering those as well.

Sara shared that she would need a male volunteer on the days that her students swim to help since she won't be going into the boy's locker room.

Several names for the 2017 Outdoor School were brought up but no decision was made as yet. The suggested names were: Mother Frog's Wild Ride, Miss Terrie's Escape From Reality, Lasting Lutherwood Lessons and Lingering Learning at Lutherwood. **The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 2:45 PM.**