



# Winter Enrichment Program (WEP)

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **Why WEP?**

The Winter Enrichment Program (WEP) supports Salmon Bay's whole child philosophy and exemplifies our shared values. WEP provides authentic and experiential learning, introduces new skills and activities, and offers real world opportunities to practice character traits such as grit, curiosity, gratitude, self-control, creativity and zest.

### **What options are available?**

This year, we have nine program options with opportunities ranging from photography and pottery to snow sports and indoor recreation. A description of each program is included on the backside of this sheet.

### **Am I guaranteed my first choice?**

No. Students will be assigned to programs in the order their registration forms are received after November 9th. If there are more applications turned in for a program than spaces available by November 9th, we randomly select from those applications to fill the program. Once a program is full, students will be assigned to their second or third choice.

### **How should I choose the program that is best for me?**

We encourage you to try something new. Look through the program options and find something that sparks your curiosity or broadens your horizons.

### **What if I can't afford the program I want?**

The Salmon Bay community and our business partners generously support scholarships for students. If you need financial assistance, please pay what you are able and check the scholarship box on your registration form to request assistance with the remaining balance. Your request will be reviewed using our need based protocol.

### **What equipment is required ?**

With the exception of the ski and snowboard program, all program fees include any equipment you will need. Skiers and snowboarders need lift tickets or a season pass, skis/snowboards and appropriate clothing plus helmets. Wrist guards are required for snowboarders.

### **What if I don't have the equipment I need to do the ski/snowboard program?**

Snoqualmie Pass Rental Shop brings a huge selection of equipment on Rental Night (November 14th, 5-7pm). Students can be fitted and take the equipment home that evening to keep for the duration of ski season. While families may choose to rent equipment from other vendors, renting from Snoqualmie Pass means that if a student has an equipment issue during WEP (e.g. something breaks or needs repair), the rental shop up at the pass is right there to fix it on the spot .

### **Who supervises WEP activities?**

Salmon Bay teachers and staff supervise each activity with the help of parent chaperones. To volunteer as a chaperone , please email Jodi Russell, Volunteer Coordinator ([jrrussell@seattleschools.org](mailto:jrrussell@seattleschools.org)).

### **What if school is cancelled or has a late start?**

If school is cancelled or has a late start, we postpone WEP programs for the day and use one of the designated make up days.

### **What if I have to pick up my student early on a WEP Friday?**

If you need to pick your student up early, please send a note and email the Salmon Bay staff member overseeing your activity to make arrangements in advance.

### **Are there refunds if a student misses a day of WEP?**

No, we do not provide refunds for sick days.

## 2018—2019 Winter Enrichment Programs

### PHOTOGRAPHY

You'll learn many technical and creative skills to develop your eye for creating great images. Using DSLR cameras provided by Coyote, you'll learn to enhance, manipulate, overlay, crop, rotate, resize, and edit your shots. On assignments you'll gain know-how and even play with Polaroid and toy cameras! Finally, a collection of your best work will be printed as a professional "Lookbook" for you to show off to family and friends! Maximum group size 8. **Program cost: \$200**

### WILDERNESS EXPLORATION

Students in this program will explore the wilderness areas around Seattle while participating in a variety of fun winter activities. We'll pair our days with a physical activity (snowshoeing, hiking, sledding) and an outdoor skill focus (orienteering, photography, shelter building). We'll end with a celebration at Snoqualmie Pass which includes baking cake/brownies on back country stoves!

Maximum group size 20. **Program cost: \$285.**

### INDOOR RECREATION

Students in this program will sample indoor recreation activities: ice skating, rock climbing, and acrobatic circus arts. Students will skate at the Highland Ice Arena, rock climb for two weeks at Stone Gardens, and take two classes at the School of Acrobatics & New Circus Arts (SANCA). Maximum group size 32. **Program cost: \$185.**

### FASHION: DESIGN + SEWING

Think fashionably as you choose styles, fabrics and a series of decorative techniques to make your own wearable gear & clothes. You'll learn the basics of design, pattern construction, hand and machine sewing, and surface treatment. The techniques are endless & the supplies inspiring. You can design and sew a dress, skirt, pants, jacket, or other original creations. Maximum group size 8.

**Program Cost \$200.**

### FUSED GLASS ART

In Coyote's warm shop, you'll learn to use a bench-top torch to melt and fuse glass to create custom glass art. You'll shape beads, pendants, marbles, and miniature sculptures, and then add surface detailing. These are all starting-off points to gain more and more technical skills in glass as you're experimenting with shapes, colors and surface treatment. Maximum group size 8. **Program cost: \$200.**

### TOUR of SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS

From touring the Ballard Locks aboard an Argosy cruise to checking out recent renovations at the Space Needle, students will have fun exploring Seattle's neighborhoods. Among our activities will be a visit to the Pinball Museum, the new Nordic Heritage Museum, a walking tour of Chinatown, a visit to Fran's Chocolates, and a chance to solve clues, find the key and escape from the world famous Puzzle Break escape room in Capitol Hill. Maximum group size 26. **Program cost: \$240.**

### ARTS, GLASS, PAINTING & CRAFTS

Students in this program spend time working with Space to Create staff on projects they individually select. Past activities have included making robots, mosaic mirrors, stuffed animals, journals, and print making. Students will also work with Urban Artworks to create panel murals to hang in our school hallway, create glass paperweights at Blowing Sands glass studio and will visit the Seattle Art Museum. Maximum group size 24. **Program cost: \$200.**

### COOKING

Take a good look at how different regions of the US have their own classic dishes that put them on the food map. Tex Mex, Maryland crab cakes, North Carolina pecan pie, New England chowders, New Orleans Po'boys, Florida key lime pie, Louisiana Jambalaya - you've only begun. This is your chance to work with a professional chef to get the truth about why you can't beat regional home cookin'. Maximum group size 12. **Program cost \$200.**

### SKI AND SNOWBOARD

Get your skis and boards ready! This program is designed for a broad spectrum of skiers and snowboarders from those who have never been on a mountain to the advanced. The program fee covers transportation to and from Snoqualmie Pass and lessons from MOHAN ski and snowboard instructors. Equipment rentals (approximately \$159) and ski passes ( \$279—\$339) are purchased separately by participants. When students are not in lessons they will have free ski/board time to practice what they've learned. In addition to developing their skiing/boarding skills, students will also develop a strong sense of independence and responsibility. Students return to school about 7:15 p.m. and need their own transportation home. Maximum group size 208. **Program cost: \$285.**