



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 eight program options with opportunities ranging from photography and pottery to snow sports and rowing. 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 10th. If there are more applications turned in for a program than spaces available by November 10th, 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 rental of the equipment you will need. Skiers and snowboarders need 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 16th 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).

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.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

In this collaboration with Youth in Focus, students will learn the basics of both the camera and standard editing software. Students will take field trips for on-location shooting, use Adobe Lightroom for post production and learn the basics of composition and critique. Each student will receive a CD of their digital prints, a polaroid, and 2 8x10 prints. Maximum group size 10. **Program cost: \$240**

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 (orienteeing, 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: \$270.**

INDOOR RECREATION

Students in this program will sample three indoor recreation activities: ice skating, rock climbing, and acrobatic circus arts. Students will skate for two weeks 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: \$175.**

ROWING

There's nothing more amazing than being on the water! Students participating in this small group experience, will learn how to scull (row with 2 oars per person) in order to glide across the water in singles (1 person per boat), doubles (2 people per boat) and quads (4 people per boat) while having a fun time at the Pocock Rowing Center. Students will start in wide, stable training singles and progress into narrower boats or team boats as their skills and confidence develop. The small group size allows for individual and personalized instruction. This is a great opportunity to try a new skill! No rowing experience is required. Maximum group size 6. **Program cost: \$240.**

TOUR SEATTLE TECHNOLOGY

From touring the Boeing factory in Everett to visiting the Living Computer Museum, students in this program will explore the big and small ways technology touches our lives. Hands on workshops will allow students to experience and create for themselves. Among our activities will be a chance to participate in a robotics workshop, explore graphic arts at the Vera Project, learn sound recording and editing at Jack Straw Productions and create your own masterpiece at the Sodo Makerspace. Maximum group size 30. **Program cost: \$240.**

ARTS, CRAFTS AND POTTERY

Students in this program spend half of their 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 on the wheels at Pottery Northwest for two days and visit Blowing Sands Glass, where they will create their own glass paperweight.

Program cost: \$200.

COOKING

If you are interested in food, this is the program for you! Students will spend the first two classes learning basic skills and creating simple recipes together. There might even be a baking challenge or two! The highlight of the program will be four days spent in cooking classes at PCC. Each week you'll cook a different cuisine and enjoy eating the dishes you've prepared! Maximum group size is 16. **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. **Program cost: \$285.**