

5th Grade Ocean Adventure 2014

CPE's 5th graders have an extraordinary opportunity to take an overnight field trip to the **Oregon Coast** near Coos Bay and Charleston on **May 29th and 30th**.



A Coastal Adventure: Students will depart CPE at 7:00 a.m. on the 29th and return by 6 p.m. on the 30th. They'll explore the treasures of the **South Slough**, study life in the tide pools at **Cape Arago**, enjoy a barbeque at the beach on **Sunset Bay**, take a dip in the pool at the **North Bend Aquatic Center**, and even drive through **Wildlife Safari** on the way home. Dinner, snacks, breakfast, and lunch on Friday is included. We'll be "camping" inside the gym at North Bend High School.

I've taken other groups on this trip in the past. I can speak first-hand about the exceptional experience at the South Slough, about the attention to student safety, and about the fantastic memories formed by the kids. Just as I still recall my own "outdoor ed" trips from grade school, our 5th graders will remember this trip well into adulthood.

As a parent, I'm also aware of the concerns parents may have about sending their child on an overnight school trip. None-the-less, I strongly encourage you to allow your child's participation. If you have any concerns at all, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail (see below). You're also welcome to volunteer to join us as a chaperone.

COST: Students will need to pay **\$20**, which covers meals, gazebo rental, and Aquatic Center entry. Seventy percent of the transportation cost is provided by the State of Oregon (tax dollars) and the remaining 30% is being covered through a grant from the Oregon Forestry Resources Institute. The CPE PTO has generously agreed to cover a significant portion of our food costs. Although our budget is tight, if you're facing extreme financial hardship and are in need of some assistance, please contact Mr. Davenport or me by phone or in person. Also, if you wish to donate additional funds to assist others in need, please feel free.

CHAPERONES: A large number of chaperones are required. If you're interested, please see the page entitled "Volunteering to Chaperone." Chaperones will be asked to cover specific duties, complete a D6 volunteer application, and contribute \$10 toward the cost of meals.

We will provide detailed information about the trip at a later date. For now, we'd like to begin gathering permission slips and payments. Please indicate your child's participation below.

On behalf of the 5th grade teachers,

Mr. Lewis,
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Yes, my student will be attending the Oregon Coast trip on May 29th. Our \$20 is attached.

No, my student will not be attending.

Student: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent signature: _____ e-mail: _____