



Overnight 5th Grade Camp 2023 Cougar Ridge Elementary PTSA

[Camp Warm Beach](#) @ Stanwood WA

Friday, May 5th (after school) - **Sunday, May 7th, 2023** (mid-day)

Camp Tuition - \$275.00 per student

While the 5th Grade parents along with the Cougar Ridge Elementary PTSA are planning to arrange this experience for our 5th Graders, we are most committed to the health, security, and safety of our kids. The 5th Grade Camp will be parent-volunteer-driven and funded by participating parents. We ask for patience as we navigate the specific details for camp. If there are any additional questions, please [email](mailto:cougarridgecamp@gmail.com) us at cougarridgecamp@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does my student have to participate in the overnight 5th Grade Camp?

No, participation and attendance at Camp is entirely OPTIONAL. 5th Grade Camp is fully funded by participating parents, and will be held off-campus and outside of district/school time and requirements.

2. Can my child attend both 5th grade camps?

Yes, all 5th graders have the option to attend the district-organized one-day outdoor experience in April AND the parent-led overnight weekend at Camp Warm Beach in May.

3. Isn't 5th Grade Camp usually planned by the school and the Issaquah School District?

The overnight 5th Grade Camp at Camp Warm Beach has been a long-standing tradition and is a much celebrated event for Cougar Ridge students. Issaquah School District has decided to pivot to a separate one-day outdoor experience (with combined elementary schools) and will, unfortunately, no longer coordinate the traditional overnight camp during school for 2022-23 and beyond. Please [click here](#) for the message from Principal Terry regarding Fifth Grade Camp-one day experience (published on 11/9/2022).

The Cougar Ridge Elementary PTSA is prepared to once again support a parent-sponsored overnight 5th Grade Camp. This would be independent of ISD and supported by the PTSA, as it was done last year.

4. Will the teachers be attending the overnight 5th Grade Camp?

We will be inviting all 5th Grade teachers and specialists, along with Mr. Terry & other staff to join in some or all camp activities, but they are under no obligation to attend. Once again, 5th Grade Camp is NOT a District supported event this year, so it will require our

already hard-working teachers and staff to give up their personal time. We will do our utmost to support those teachers and staff who can attend this year.

5. Will the school nurse be attending the overnight 5th Grade Camp?

Ms. Kolesnikov will not be able to attend this year's camp. However, we will have the support staff at Camp Warm Beach.

6. How do I register and pay?

In February 2023, we will send a registration packet home with every 5th Grader. An electronic version of the registration will be also available on the PTSA website.

In March 2023, we will send out the final camp schedule along with a suggested packing list for those who have registered and paid.

7. What is the deadline for registration?

March 1st, 2023

8. What is the cancellation policy?

In general, there will be no registrations or refunds after March 2023, but we will do our best to provide partial refunds if you have to cancel for personal/health reasons or due to the change in registration requirements.

9. How much does Camp Cost and what is included?

Tuition for camp this year is \$275.00 and covers the following:

- Round trip transportation from Cougar Ridge Elementary to Camp Warm Beach and back
- 2-night lodging in Mini-Lodges with shared bathrooms
- Use of group meeting spaces
- 6 Meals at Camp and daily snacks and refreshments
- Activity fee for recreational activities such as mini-golf, canoes, pool, etc.
- Camp T-Shirt
- Yearbook addendum pages
- Miscellaneous supplies and health care staff/teacher support

10. Can my student just attend for the day(s) and not stay overnight?

We believe staying overnight is a quintessential part of this all-inclusive experience, so we do expect all camp attendees to stay overnight. If it causes undue hardship, we will support early departure from camp per parent's request.

11. When will you select parent chaperones?

We will begin reaching out to parent chaperones in March 2023 as registrations come in (you will need to formally indicate your interest in being a chaperone in the registration packet). We are planning to have 1 chaperone for every 4-5 kids and all chaperones will need to be validated as an ISD volunteer. For those selected to chaperone 5th Grade Camp, we will hold a Chaperone Meeting in March 2023. Please note that all chaperones will be required to pay their own way (costs will be similar to the students' fee).