



## Cougar Ridge Elementary PTSA 5th Grade Camp 2022

Camp Warm Beach @ Stanwood WA  
Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (after school) - Sunday, May 1st, 2022 (mid-day)

Camp Tuition \$250

While the Cougar Ridge PTSA is super excited to arrange this experience for our 5th Graders, we are most committed to the health and safety of our kids. As such, 5th Grade Camp 2022 will only happen if it's deemed safe to do so. Given this will be the first time that 5th Grade Camp will be parent-volunteer-driven, we ask for patience as we navigate the specifics details for camp. If there are any additional questions or concerns, please email [2022-cr-5thgradecamp@googlegroups.com](mailto:2022-cr-5thgradecamp@googlegroups.com).

### *COVID-19 precautions*

*As of now, we are still a "go" for Camp given the availability of pediatric vaccines and no major shift in guidance at the Federal, state, local, or from Camp Warm Beach. Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we have delayed camp registration to February 2022. We will be actively monitoring the situation and will provide updates to parents as we get closer to actual camp dates.*

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Does my student have to participate in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp?**

No - participation and attendance at Camp is completely OPTIONAL. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp this year is a completely optional event, fully funded by participating parents, to be held off-campus and outside of district/school time & requirements

**2. Why is the Cougar Ridge PTSA sponsoring 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp in 2022? Isn't 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp usually planned by the school and the Issaquah School District?**

5th Grade Camp at Camp Warm Beach has been a long-standing and much celebrated rite-of-passage and tradition for ISD's elementary schools prior to the pandemic. Despite schools reopening this year, ISD has made the decision to cancel the 5th Grade Camp program for 2021-22 school year due to equitability concerns given an inability to accommodate all 5th Grade Camps in the spring. As such, parents at Cougar Ridge Elementary, in partnership with the CR PTSA, are leading the effort to hold a 5th Grade Camp for Cougar Ridge Elementary students outside of school hours.

**3. What are the pandemic-era precautions and considerations?**

At the time of Camp in late April 2022, we will require all camp attendees (adults and kids) be fully vaccinated (inclusive of the booster shots). This requirement assumes that the COVID-19 vaccines are approved/readily available/accessible to kids under 12 by the beginning of 2022. If for any reason, the COVID-19 vaccine is not available to the kids in time, we will cancel camp.

In addition, we will follow all State and County-level mandates along with Camp Warm Beach-specific health and safety guidelines (vaccine and/or mask requirements, temperature-checks, occupancy and activity limits, etc.) We plan on conducting formal Go / No-Go evaluations in January 2022 and again in March 2022 to see if Camp can be held as planned. In addition, we have secured a dedicated healthcare professional chaperone for our group in addition to the medical support at Camp Warm Beach

**4. Will you be requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for Camp?**

Yes, we will require all camp attendees (adults and kids) be fully vaccinated at the time of Camp and a copy of vaccination card is required as part of camp registration.

**5. Will the teachers be attending 5th Grade Camp?**

We will be inviting all 5th Grade teachers, 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.

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

Yes - Ms. Kolesnikov is currently planning on going to camp to support our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders.

**7. How do I register and pay?**

In February of 2022, we will send a registration packet home with every 5th Grader. An electronic version of registration packet can be found at <https://cougarridgeptsa.org/Page/Programs/5th%20Grade%20Camp%202022>. Please return the completed forms along with the payment back by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** to secure your child's reservation. In March 2022, we will send out the final camp schedule along with a suggested packing list for those who have registered and paid.

**8. What is the deadline for registration?**

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**9. What is the cancellation policy?**

In general, there will be no registrations or refunds after March 2022, but we will do our best to provide partial refunds if you have to cancel for personal/health reasons.

**10. How much does Camp Cost?**

Tuition for camp this year is \$250 and covers the following:

- Roundtrip transportation by private coach bus from Cougar Ridge Elementary to Camp Warm Beach.
- 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 climbing tower, canoes, pool, etc
- Camp T-Shirt
- Yearbook addendum pages
- Miscellaneous supplies and health care staff/teacher support

**11. 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.

**12. When will you select parent chaperones?**

We will begin reaching out to parent chaperones in March 2022 as registrations come in (you will need to formally indicate your interest in being a chaperone in the registration packet). We are targeting 1 chaperone for every 5-7 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 2022. Please note that all chaperones will be required to pay their own way (costs will be similar to the students' fee).