



Dear Parents,

Great Basin Outdoor School is eager to welcome your child to share an exciting educational experience at Camp Galilee on the east shore of Lake Tahoe. Children love staying in cabins with their friends, hiking on forest trails, performing songs and skits, learning about Lake Tahoe, and enjoying hands-on discovery in the outdoor classroom. During winter ecology programs they will learn about the Sierra snowpack as the source of our water, winter safety, winter plant and animal adaptations, and astronomy. The outdoor school experience will be an invaluable component of the regular school program. We hope that your child will attend with the rest of his or her class and teacher.

One teacher who brought her class wrote, "I think they got an appreciation for wildlife, conservation, and scientific process. I think they also got to learn responsibility and accountability for their actions. I thought the naturalists and other adult staff were positive and thoughtful. Their activities were well planned and enthusiastic... I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I know that our children will remember this week for the rest of their lives. Thank you for providing such a positive experience for our kids!"

Adult naturalists teach children in study groups of about 12-14. Naturalists pass state and federal background checks, are first aid and CPR certified, and are trained during the week prior to each program season. They are college graduates with natural science or teaching background and invariably have experience teaching children in an outdoor setting. Fun hands-on lessons meet state curriculum standards.

While at Great Basin Outdoor School, students will be staying in heated cabins with showers and restroom facilities. Hot meals will be served. The area around the school site provides numerous opportunities to explore and learn. Indoor classroom space is available for inclement weather.

Outdoor school is a unique opportunity for students to learn independence, responsibility, and self-sufficiency. Some will be away from parents for the first time and will be proud of their accomplishments when given room to grow in the physically and emotionally safe environment of outdoor school.

Our website, <http://greatbasin-os.org>, has more information for you. Please consider how you, your business, or your service organization might help support fee reductions for children in need. We look forward to sharing Great Basin Outdoor School programs with your children and hope to offer them an enriching, empowering opportunity for academic, social, and personal growth.

Sincerely,

Great Basin Outdoor School Board and Staff

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