

Letter to Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Olympic Park Institute is hands-on Field Science that supports your child's classroom science curriculum. Because you are involved and engaged in your child's education, we would like to share some details about the Olympic Park Institute program and how your support ensures success!

While on campus, each day brings new chances to learn, explore, and play in beautiful Olympic National Park. Students are divided into field study instructional groups and cabin groups by their classroom teacher. From 9:00 each morning till 4:00 in the afternoon your child will be engaged in interdisciplinary field science activities led by an Olympic Park Institute Educator. There will also be an Evening Program each night from 7:30 till 8:30 presented by Olympic Park Institute staff. While attending Olympic Park Institute, students are chaperoned and supervised by their school's teachers and chaperones.

Please take some time to review with your child the planning and preparation informational forms from Olympic Park Institute. The STUDENT CONTRACT and CAMPUS GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS will help ensure that scholastic and behavioral expectations are met while on campus. A completed REGISTRATION / MEDICAL RELEASE FORM is required for a child to attend, so please fill it out and return right away to the student's teacher. If you will be attending Olympic Park Institute yourself as an adult chaperone, please complete a REGISTRATION / MEDICAL RELEASE FORM as well. Help your child with the CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST so that s/he will feel prepared and excited to spend the week with the class in the unique environment of Olympic National Park.

If you need to contact your child during their stay, you should first attempt to contact the Head Teacher through the information s/he provides for you. If you are unable to reach the teacher in the event of an emergency, you may call Olympic Park Institute at (360) 928-3720. After business hours, it is likely that you will be referred to the Olympic Park Institute on call cell-phone.

We have lots of learning, fun, and adventure planned for your school's science trip and look forward to meeting your child and sharing the beauty and magic of the forests and coast here on the Olympic Peninsula!

Sincerely,

Randall Walz
Program Manager