

Pre-Camp Words

TODS - Tillamook Outdoor School

September, 2017

Dear Selected High School Student Counselor:

Thanks for wanting to be an Outdoor School counselor this fall! I believe it will be a rewarding experience that will affect you deeply and that will be treasured for a very long time!!

Several things that need addressed before you fill out your completed Health/Permission forms and attend the Informational Meeting.

1. Outdoor school is returning to Camp Meriwether! So, plan on bringing extra layers for clothing, thicker sleeping bags and great attitudes. They cabins are much more rustic than where we have been recently at Twin Rocks. This change was made because there are too many students attending outdoor school this year to fit at Twin Rocks and we wanted to provide a different type of outdoor experience.
2. **Your camp name** . . . okay you guys, this is a big deal! Your Outdoor School name is a name that you will have for the rest of your kids' lives, so choose it with care! When choosing a name please consider the following:

Your name should be easy to pronounce and remember*

It should reflect positively on you

There should be no references to drugs, alcohol or profanity in your camp name

Be creative and have FUN choosing your name

* I'm SO tired of attempts at weird and bizarre names that are hard to remember and pronounce! And don't even go there with names that make reference to singers and groups of performers and movie characters that aren't good role models for kids!

2. **Your email address** . . . I'm sure that most of your email addresses are wonderful. For the rest of you, however, who use sexual references, alcohol references and other crude words in your email addresses be forewarned that they won't be given out on the address sheets to the kids at the end of the ODS week. And kids DO want your email addresses.

So . . . if you have one of those questionable email addresses . . . **GET A NEW ONE!** You can do that at Hotmail, Yahoo, Gmail etc. Do it before the counselor meeting after school so you will have the correct email on your form, and make a commitment to check it after camp in case others contact you!

3. **Don't forget to take your fee assigned by your school district to help cover ODS expenses** (+ any extra money you might want to donate . . .) **to the Informational Meeting. Any checks need to be made out to either Santiam Elementary School or East Elementary School.**
4. If you need to contact Beacon or the other directors the best way is through email joel@glensgizmos.com.

Thanks again! See you soon! Get your Health and Permission Forms filled out and ready for the Introduction Meeting.

Do NOT skip this meeting! If you have a major schedule conflict, email me to tell me about it ahead of time before the meeting so alternative arrangements can be made.

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