



Seycove at sáyəmətən Secondary School

CHEAKAMUS GRADE 8 RETREAT – SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2023

Hello Parents/Guardians and Graduates of 2028:

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Seycove this September and are excited to share we are planning a two-day retreat for all Grade 8 students on September 18 and 19, 2023! Goals for our retreat may include the following and align with NVSD's strategic priorities:

- Contribute to a strong sense of belonging to the school community through shared experiences with peers, student leaders, and Seycove Staff
- Set the tone for a positive and inclusive start to students' secondary school journey
- Reconnect Grade 8 students with the Cheakamus Center and provide for missed 'milestone' learning experience during the pandemic
- Provide meaningful leadership opportunities for senior Seycove students

The cost of the two-day retreat is \$175 and can be paid via the School Cash Online payment system available through the link provided on your school website. The NVSD has subsidized the cost of the retreat and transportation to ensure that the cost is as low as possible for families. If you encounter financial constraints, please contact Vice-Principal Kimberley Jung (kjung@sd44.ca).

This \$175 fee includes:

- 2 days of activities and accommodation at the Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale
- Highway Coach transportation to and from Seycove to the Cheakamus Centre
- Meals and snacks at the Cheakamus Centre (2 lunches, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, 2 snacks)
- Program facilitation support, supplies and materials

Our hope is that most Grade 8 students attend the retreat. Regular Grade 8 classes will not be running during the 2 days of the camp so students will not be missing any classes. We understand that due to family or community commitments or unforeseen health reasons, some students will not attend this retreat and alternate activities and learnings will be planned here at Seycove. If your child is not attending the retreat, please let Kimberley Jung know (kjung@sd44.ca).

As a Seycove staff, we are excited about the prospect of starting the 2023-2024 school year with such an impactful learning experience for your students. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Jung

Vice-Principal, Seycove at sáyəmətən



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Monday, September 18th

7:30am	Students congregate in the Seycove Cafeteria
7:45am	Busses depart from Seycove Secondary
9:15am	Arrive at Cheakamus Center, Welcome and Orientation
10:00am – 12:00pm	Activity 1, led by Cheakamus Staff
12:15pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:45pm	Activity 2, led by Cheakamus Staff
2:45pm	Snack
3:15pm – 5:00pm	Activity 3, led by Cheakamus Staff
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Cabin Move Ins
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Large Group Games led by senior Seycove Students
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Evening Programming led by Cheakamus Staff
9:30pm	Quiet Time and Lights out

Tuesday, September 19th

7:00am – 7:30am	Rise and Shine!
8:15am	Breakfast, move out of cabins, move luggage
9:30am	Cheakamus Challenge
11:30am	Lunch
12:30pm	Closing Activity led by senior Seycove Students
1:30pm	Departure from Cheakamus Center
3:00pm	Arrive back at Seycove Secondary School

Please Note:

- Number of Groups/Cohorts will be confirmed based on final student numbers
- Times and locations are subject to change
- Programs run rain or shine; students should be prepared for all weather



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All forms and fees for the Cheakamus Retreat are due by Monday, September, 11th.

We cannot accept late registrations due to planning logistics of our bus transportation, meals, cabin assignments, and activity planning.

- ☐ Payment of \$175 is payable through School Cash Online.

The following forms will be distributed to students during homeroom on their first day of school and they can also be found on the school website:

- ☐ Medical form and dietary preferences
- ☐ Field Trip consent form: "Seycove Grade 8 Retreat Informed Consent"
- ☐ Student Risk and Responsibility Form – this will be filled out during Homeroom, with Seycove Staff. Administration will outline the responsibilities of the students during our assembly.

If your child is NOT attending the Grade 8 Retreat, please indicate so here, and hand in this form only to your Homeroom Teacher by Thursday, September, 7th. This is to allow us to accurately plan for transportation and accommodation.

- ☐ My child will NOT be attending the Grade 8 Retreat

Name of Student: _____

Parent Signature: _____