

Outdoor Learning Leadership Pilot Program

Handsworth Family of Schools



Similar to the role ODS counsellors play on Field Studies, HSS students will have the opportunity this fall to act as mentors, provide leadership and assist with supervision during outdoor learning activities. Instead of working with teachers at Cheakamus Centre however, HSS students will work with them at an elementary school site. Student leaders will be partnered with an elementary teacher and their class, and will assist with 3-4 outdoor learning sessions.

When:

Two afternoon sessions in October and two in November 2020. Session will range from 90-120mins

Where:

Elementary school sites within the Handsworth FOS. Secondary students will need to arrange their own travel and are encouraged to walk from Handsworth SS

Requirements:

- Participate in two training sessions
 - September 24, 3:30-4:30pm – Online
 - October 1, 3:30-5:00pm – At HSS/nearby park space (Outdoors)

HSS Student Role:

HSS student leaders will assist and support outdoor learning activities planned by an elementary school teacher. There will be flexibility with scheduling times between the elementary teacher and HSS students. Two or three HSS students will be partnered with each participating elementary cohort and it is expected that each student will be able to attend at least 3 of 4 scheduled sessions. Scheduling and permission forms are arranged through Handsworth Secondary, with support from Cheakamus Centre staff.

Health and Safety

It has been recommended that teachers take learning outdoors where and when possible. Not only is this an effective way to reduce virus transmission, it also creates valuable learning experiences for students. Outdoor learning sessions with HSS students will take place entirely outdoors and district wide health and safety measures will be in effect. Program specific H&S training will be provided for HSS students in advance.

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