



SEATTLE ACADEMY

OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dear SAAS Community,

My name is Cheyenne Gordon, and I am the lead for Bouldering club this year. I would like to use this opportunity to give you all some information and updates on how the Bouldering Club is being run. I'll go over logistics, rules, and how to sign up for either winter or spring trimester.

Firstly a little nuts and bolts about the club. This club exclusively meets after school, with no meeting times during club hours of the school day. We take a total of 30 kids, 15 each day, Monday through Thursday to Seattle Bouldering Project. That's 30 kids out of the entire upper and middle school population, making it a difficult club to accommodate the demand of interest from the student body. This 30 student cap comes from SBP. They require that only a max of 15 students can attend on any given day. In order to get the most out of the time we have, we have one group of 15 students attend Monday and Wednesdays while the other attends Tuesdays and Thursdays. Finally, SBP also requires each student to purchase a membership for each trimester that they attend, averaging about \$125/trimester. This membership is valid for the duration of the club and the students may also use it to go to SBP on their own time to use the facilities.

Aside from the gym's designated rules, we also have some guidelines for our Club members as well, these focus mainly on attendance. Since the club is so small, we want our members to understand the importance of actually participating. If a student misses five or more days of bouldering, they will not be able to re-enroll the following trimester. This allows us to prioritize giving more students the opportunity to try out the club and teaches the students the value of honoring commitments as well. Additionally, we take a bus that drives from SAAS at 3:15 pm. Middle schoolers are expected to wait outside the middle school building to be escorted by a leader to the temple pick-up location. Upper school students are expected to meet us at the bus no later than 3:14 pm, as we have a very sharp departure time.

I know this all sounds pretty dry, but we actually have so much fun with the students. We climb for a bout an hour and a half, exploring the different rooms of the gym and getting pretty covered in chalk and exhausted by the end of it. We do our best to educate the kids on some possible routes that might grow their skill sets and challenge them to face their fears at times when they get a bit nervous. It is our goal for the students to stay active and try their best, hopefully feeling stronger and more comfortable than when they started!

If all of this sounds like something you/your student might enjoy, please fill out the form below **by October 22nd**. I will be contacting all of the students using the email addresses provided. In order to be eligible to join, the participant will need to attend one of the three zoom info sessions that will be held during lunch the week of November 1st.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at cgordon@seattleacademy.org

Sign-up Link: <https://forms.gle/n6JRXnmKuPFAvmaG7>