

Camp Hamilton 2023 Student Transportation & Volunteer Drivers

On Tuesday, August 8, included in the News Bulletin, there will be a link to a “Camp Hamilton Transportation Form”. We must have a quick digital response for every student by September 1. This form will include much information and also ask for information from families – please read it very carefully. Please read on to understand more about this upcoming Form:

- Because Camp Hamilton is close to the Woodinville area, we allow families to form their own “Neighborhood Carpool” groups (minimum of 3 students per carpool group) should they desire to commute directly to Camp on Monday September 11 and/or directly back home on Friday, September 15 (and avoid coming or returning to EAS at all). If you choose to do so on one or both of these days, you will essentially “opt-out” of EAS-arranged transportation on one or both of those days. Also if you choose to do this, you must coordinate on your own with families, let us know ALL of the students who are in this neighborhood carpool to/from Camp and which parents will drive on Monday/Friday. ALL families in your group must present identical, matching information: conflicting information from Neighborhood Carpool families is difficult to interpret, and means we will have difficulty placing your student.
- Please discuss any possible Neighborhood Carpool situations now, before the form is released on Tuesday August 8. Please only fill out the form once per student with accurate, final transportation information.
- 8th Grade Leadership students go to Camp one day early on Sunday, September 10th. 8th Grade Leadership families are responsible for getting these students to Camp on their own, EAS does not coordinate this Sunday transportation. If you are considering an 8th Grader into a possible Neighborhood Carpool, please know that if they are in Leadership they will already be at Camp and not available for a Monday drive. Friday, however, 8th Grade Leadership students could join a Neighborhood Carpool if desired.
- Students who do not join a Neighborhood Carpool will come to EAS on the morning of September 11 and be sorted into an EAS-arranged, parent volunteer-driven carpool. There will also be an EAS-arranged carpool back to EAS on Friday, September 15.
- Many parent volunteer drivers will be needed to drive students from EAS to Camp on Monday, September 11 and also from Camp back to EAS on Friday, September 15. The drive between EAS and Camp is approximately 45-60 minutes depending on traffic. Monday carpools leave EAS at 8:30am on 9/11 and Friday carpools leave Camp at approximately 12:00 noon to head back to EAS.
- If you are available to drive an EAS arranged carpool either Monday or Friday, the form you receive via the News Bulletin will include a link to a Sign-Up Genius Form, where you can indicate which day(s) you can drive, as well as the number of student seats available in your vehicle.
- If you will be a Chaperone at Camp Hamilton for either all or part of the week, and are able to drive an EAS carpool to/from Camp, then you will also follow the link to the Sign-Up Genius Form. Remember you must have room in your vehicle to carry students, some Chaperones need to transport gear and supplies as well. If you are a Chaperone and want to do a Neighborhood Carpool, just indicate this “opt-out” on the form.
- If you volunteer to drive an EAS-arranged carpool, students will have only their backpacks with them. Duffels typically go into separate trucks for transport. However, if you have extra room, we will use it.

- The EAS shuttle bus (for students who are in EAS-arranged carpools that leave and return to EAS) will operate at the usual time Monday, September 11 in the morning and Friday, September 15 at the end of the school day. Students may bring their duffels with them on the shuttle.
- All parent volunteers, drivers, and Chaperones must be LWSD-approved volunteers and have a Private Auto Authorization (PAA) form on file (this PAA form is in the summer packet being mailed to all families in early-mid August).

All information regarding Camp Hamilton student transportation and volunteer driving must be submitted and recorded via the digital form coming on August 8 in the Bulletin. Coordinating transportation for the entire student body is a considerable challenge that is made easier if the process is understood and the forms are filled out accurately and on time. Thank you in advance. Please email Laura at lbartoletti@lwsd.org with any questions.