

Dear Parents/Guardians of EAS Students,

This coming September 2024, we will be heading out to Camp Hamilton for our beginning of the year expedition. We will be requiring many hands to make this adventure successful. We are soliciting volunteers for the week of September 9-13 in the following areas:

**Camp Cooks-** We will need 6 or 7 parents (*some with experience in cooking for large groups*) that will run the Camp Hamilton kitchen. It is an industrial type of kitchen, and you will be responsible for cooking breakfasts and dinners for each day that we are there. There is a menu and shopping list already established, and you will need to be ready to jump in to begin planning in August. Unique to this year, I will be searching for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent to help run the kitchen. I will need two 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents interested in being part of this team.

**Kitchen Dishwashers-** Assist the cooks and clean the dishes for two meals per day. Campers do help with a chunk of the work. I also have had Alumni come and be part of the dishwashing team.

**Rotation Leaders-** Plan and lead a rotation at camp. Have an idea of a rotation you would like to lead? Suggested rotations include camp crafts, athletics, orienteering, stewardship (*doing work projects around camp*), sailing, canoeing, paddleboarding, swimming instruction, initiatives (*group problem solving*), earth science, and fishing (*bait and fly*). Other ideas are certainly welcomed. Rotations are 2 hours long and you would teach it to all students (3 to 4 rotations a day) over the course of the 4 days (M-Th). I highly suggest that you even find a friend and co-lead a rotation with them.

**Assistant Leaders-** Looking for support staff to assist in the Rotation Leaders program.

**Important:** All jobs at camp are weeklong commitments- including overnights (the same as Bowman Bay). There are many things that happen at camp in the morning, during the day and at night, and it takes the whole of the group to make it all come together.

**What you need to do if you would like to be a part of this expedition:**

1. Send me your name and your best contact number (email and phone)
2. Tell me which of the areas above best suit your abilities or desires
3. If you want to lead a rotation, say which rotation you would be willing to lead.
4. If you want to assist in a rotation, tell me your skill set, and I will match you to a specific job. (do you like crafts, but can't cook etc...)

5. If you are flexible and you can be available for the week and you are willing to go anywhere, then just say that and I will place you. However, it is nice to know a little about you, so do not skimp on telling me about your skills or talents/ experiences.

Parents/guardians of incoming sixth graders, it is vital that you become part of our expedition processes and hope many of you will apply to come out to camp.

I will be out quite a bit this summer but will respond to you as soon as possible when I reconnect with my computer. Have a good summer and let's start thinking about Camp in September!

Sincerely, John Hamilton

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