

EAS April Adventure Trips 2026

San Juan Kayak: A Wave From It All	22-26 students	\$1050 - \$1200 depending on number of participants and final itinerary
Overnight Monday March 30 – Thursday April 2, Day Trip Friday April 3		
<p>Join Ms. Andrada for a 4-day and 3-night overnight aquatic adventure kayaking in the waters of the Salish Sea followed by a Friday day trip into Seattle.</p> <p>On Monday we'll carpool north to Anacortes to catch our chartered water taxi to one of the more remote islands Salish Sea — Jones, James, Stuart, or Sucia are all possibilities! We'll set up camp on one of the islands as our home-base for the week and we will do day paddling trips around the island. Expect to paddle, help with meals and chores, paddle, sleep in tents, paddle some more, play some games, and explore the waters of the Salish Sea. We'll return to the mainland late afternoon on Thursday and you'll sleep in the comfort of your own bed.</p> <p>On Friday we'll venture to the Seattle waterfront and check out the marine life we saw while paddling and some that we missed when we head to the Seattle Aquarium. We'll grab some tasty treats at Pike Place Market before we wrap up the trip and head home.</p> <p>Students will need to be able to comfortably paddle a tandem sea kayak for up to 3 hours at a time to participate fully. Participants will be given a safety orientation for all water activities and will be provided with all necessary gear for kayaking, including PFDs, spray skirts, etc.</p> <p>The trip fee includes kayak rentals and gear, all water instruction and guides, food, and round trip water taxi fee. The trip fee also includes admission to the Seattle Aquarium. A full set of quality rain gear, a compressible sleeping bag, a compressible sleeping pad, and a mess kit are a MUST for this trip. Students will need to bring their own packed lunch on the first day of the trip. On the last day of the trip students can choose to bring a sack lunch or bring some spending money to purchase food at Pike Place Market.</p> <p>Payment timeline: Half of upper end cost due Dec. 12, balance on Feb. 4.</p>		

Ride Oregon's Canyon and Stars	Maximum 30 students	\$1100 - \$1300 depending, depending on number of participants
Overnight Monday March 30 – Friday April 3		
<p>Go on a 5-day, 4-night excursion to Southwest Oregon to explore the trails and skies of the high desert. Join Mr. Rose and the Green Tortoise adventure bus to roll into hot springs, volcanic rock formations, bright clear skies and scenic biological beauty of the Columbia Gorge and Central Oregon. The unique desert landscape offers great places to tent camp, hike, bike and explore this unique environ. Students will bike, hike, read, and work together in small groups to make this active trip a well-fed success.</p> <p>Students will need to be able to ride a bike on unpaved trails. We will have a safety ride before the actual trip departs. Participants will be given instruction and appropriate levels of challenge for all biking activities and will have bikes and helmets provided.</p> <p>The trip fee includes bus transportation, food and instruction. Students will need to bring a bike (either personal or rented) and their own packed lunch on the first day of the trip. Please plan on bringing a warm sleeping bag and pad for sleeping on the ground.</p> <p>Trip fees include all meals, lodging, and activities for the trip. We will depart from EAS on Monday March 30 through Friday April 3 around 5 PM.</p> <p>Payment timeline: Half of upper end cost due Dec. 12, balance on Feb. 4.</p>		

How to Train Your Wagon	Maximum 30 students	\$500-550, depending on vendors and number of participants
Overnight Monday March 30 – Friday April 3		
<p>Join Ms. Minato on a journey back in time. Have you ever wanted to experience life before electricity and other modern accoutrements? You can learn how to cook over an open fire, craft your own goods, play old fashioned games, and of course, complete barn chores if you sign up for <i>How to Train Your Wagon</i>. Students will participate in a multi-day immersive experience living like pioneers and Salish indigenous peoples through the Pioneer Farm in Eatonville.</p> <p>Following the immersive experience, we will return to modern society and explore the Eatonville area with activities such as riding a restored steam train, seeing a film in a historic movie theater, and hiking near Mount Rainier National Park. We will conclude the trip with a visit to NW Trek to see bears, wolves, cougars, moose and more from the safety of a tram.</p> <p>Students will learn about life in bygone eras and local ecosystems. Because of the physical activities on this trip, students should be able to hike moderately at least 6 miles with some elevation. All other activities are beginner-level.</p> <p>Trip fees include all meals, lodging, and activities. A full set of quality rain gear, a warm sleeping bag, and a sleeping pad are MUSTS for this trip. Lodging will be provided in cabin and lodge-style arrangements. We will depart from EAS on Monday at 8 AM and will return Friday around 3 PM.</p> <p>Payment timeline: Half of upper end cost due Dec. 12, balance on Feb. 4.</p>		

Magma Mia: Here We Flow Again!	Maximum 60 students	\$2600-\$2700 depending on flight/transportation cost and number of participants
Overnight, Saturday March 28th to Thursday April 2nd		
<p><i>*** This trip will not be able to happen unless the school deposit is paid to the vendor ASAP. To help secure reservations, payment in full is requested by check by Nov. 24. Once the deposit threshold is met, we can accept payments on a timeline. <u>If you are able to pay in full</u>, it is greatly appreciated. We understand that not all families are able to meet this deadline — if you are still interested in signing up for this trip but need to work out a payment plan, please reach out to Colleen McLaughlin (cmclaughlin@lwsd.org). Students will not be excluded from signing up for this trip for financial reasons. EAS will communicate with students and families if the student is not academically eligible for signing up with their grade level as of Friday Nov. 14, 2025.</i></p> <p>Join Mr. Miller and Ms. Holck on a 6-day/5-night adventure to Hawai‘i’s Big Island! We will be exploring volcanoes, beaches, and Hawaiian culture by land and sea. Students will snorkel in the sparkling Pacific Ocean and observe tropical marine life up close while exploring vibrant reef habitats. We will hike through Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park to see how volcanic activity has shaped the island archipelago, and stroll along geologically fascinating beaches, waterfalls, and lava tubes formed by these powerful natural forces.</p> <p>We’ll step back in time at Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park, a sacred site with towering walls and ceremonial structures, and explore Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park, where early Hawaiians lived on rugged lava landscapes. At ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, students will uncover Polynesian navigation traditions, explore astronomy, and enjoy Hawai‘i’s only planetarium. Along the way, students will journal, sketch the incredible sights and wildlife, sample local foods, and celebrate the conclusion of the trip with a festive Lū‘au Dinner. Students will stay in moderate hotel accommodations throughout the trip on both Kona and Hilo side. Students should be intermediate swimmers to participate fully. All snorkeling and beach activities will include guidance and support.</p> <p>Students will depart from SeaTac Airport on the afternoon of Saturday March 28 and return the evening of Thursday April 2.</p>		

FAQs:

How does trip placement work? What happens if more students sign up for the trip than there are spots available?

After all on-time grade level forms are submitted, EAS staff will check for priority signup eligibility based on academic progress toward a 3.0. Forms are then sorted by students' first choice. If the number of signups for a particular trip exceeds the number of available spots, a blind draw of forms is done to fill the spots. The remaining forms go to the students' 2nd choice, and the process repeats. Students should be prepared to get any of their choices, not just 1st or 2nd choice.

How does financial assistance work?

The financial assistance form can be accessed here: <https://eas.lwsd.org/students-and-families/special-information-links>. Families who wish to apply for EAS PTO financial assistance are asked to send an email to Colleen McLaughlin at cmclaughlin@lwsd.org with the form attached. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Mrs. McLaughlin will present the form to the EAS PTO without any family name or marker on the form, and then the EAS PTO will present an amount of assistance they are able to provide.

What defines “making progress toward a 3.0 grade average” and how does this affect signups?

As per the EAS Excursion contract that all students and families signed at the start of the school year, “*Students must demonstrate consistent appropriate school behavior and be making progress toward a 3.0 grade average in all classes to be eligible for EAS excursions.*”

- Students making progress toward a 3.0 in all academic classes will have priority signups within their grade level.
 - “Making progress toward a 3.0” means that if a student has < 3.0 in a class but has NO missing assignments in that class, they are *still making progress* and are eligible to have priority signups. Efforts are being made to retake quizzes and tests as needed. This applies to Heximester 1. In Heximester 2, the one we’re currently in, NO missing assignments, regardless of grade.
 - ***Students have until the due date of their April Adventure signup form to rectify any missing assignments.***
- Students NOT making progress toward a 3.0 in any academic classes will lose priority signups within their grade level and will sign up for trips with the grade level below them.
- Direct any questions about grades or assignments to the teacher of the class.

How do I become a chaperone for one of these trips? Sounds like fun!

Each trip has unique needs and requirements of the chaperones. After trip placements are announced, EAS teachers will reach out to families on their trip roster with a call for chaperones.