



## Lake City Secondary Columneetza Grade 7 Outdoor Education Academy

**Purpose:** A large portion of the grade 7 curriculum connects students with the ecological links necessary to maintain a healthy ecosystem, as well as how practices in the past have shaped the way we live today. Along with meeting the learning outcomes for the grade 7 curriculum this program will also encourage a healthier understanding of the environment we live in, investigate human impact on the environment, and explore sustainability.

Components of the outdoor education program will include:

1. *Citizen Science* – With data being transmitted via the internet scientists are able to gather larger amounts of data from citizens following scientific data collection methods. More data leads to more sound decisions in what is happening in our environment and how to promote long term sustainability of the natural plants and wildlife within our area.

Students will learn and employ research skills to include data collection, setting up and carrying out natural history studies, and draw conclusions from data collected. This data will then be sent to, and used by scientists to monitor changes to the species being monitored.

2. *Outdoor Skills* – Students will have the opportunity to learn/improve on life-long skills for enjoyment and safety. Activities such as orienteering, cross-country skiing, canoeing, hiking, and camping will include trip planning, basic survival and basic first aid techniques.

With a large group a strong component involves being able to follow leader directions and demonstrate good judgment in terms of safety and respect for self, others, and the environment.

3. *Stewardship* – Here students will design, organize and carry out plans to implement stewardship projects. These being a project(s) that will promote sustainability of the environment, a better understanding of how we as a community can improve our practices, and thereby enhance the beautiful natural environment that surrounds our city.

Students will usually spend one day per week in an outdoor classroom setting which may include

- Scout Island Nature Centre
- Dairy Fields
- River Valley
- Fox Mountain
- Beecher's Prairie
- Gavin Lake
- Tatla Lake
- Farwell Canyon
- Flat Lake/Nazko Lakes/ Beaver Valley Chain (canoe trip)

During the winter months Scout Island Nature Centre (SINC) will be utilized more as the secondary classroom on this one day of the week.

In addition to their regular grade 7 report cards, students will receive an assessment of their progress in the areas of the outdoor education program covered in each term.

At this time bussing is provided for drop-off/ pick-up from Columneetza to Scout Island a schedule will be provided. Students will be at Columneetza for the other four days and will be able to participate in school activities, including band.

**Funding:** An Academy fee of \$100.00, along with parental support, will allow for local trips, 3 seasonal trips to Gavin Lake as well as other nearby destinations. The Mitchell Odyssey Foundation along with greenhouse sales will also fund this program.

**Financial Difficulty:** Help may be available to students who wish to apply but do not have the financial means. Speak with Mr. Gustafson or Mr. Munroe (Columneetza vice-principals) for more information.

### **Applications:**

To ensure this application is received please submit a completed paper copy to elementary principal and email a completed copy to [grant.gustafson@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:grant.gustafson@sd27.bc.ca) or [craig.munroe@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:craig.munroe@sd27.bc.ca)

**Due to limited spacing all **successful** applications received prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> will be given first priority. All applications received after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be processed in order received.**



**Lake City Secondary Columneetza  
Grade 7 Outdoor Education Academy  
Application**



**Please complete the following and return the application to either your current school, or the Columneetza Campus main office:**

(#1-5 are to be completed by the student. For students with learning disability a scribe may be used to write student responses.)

1. What parts of this program really interest you? Why?

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2. What do you want to learn from the Outdoor Education Academy?

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3. What can you do? How can you contribute to the Academy?

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4. What would a teacher recommending you for this program say are your strengths?

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Teacher's name and school: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is there anything else you would like to add?

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**Parent(s)/Guardian(s):**

6. Explain why your child is a good candidate for the program, and how the program may benefit your child.

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Please check this box if financial assistance would benefit you.

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<b>Current School</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Name(s)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number(s)</b>	<b>Home:</b> <b>Work:</b> <b>Cell:</b>
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>	