

TMS Outdoor School Information Page

What is the purpose of ODS?

- Camp focuses on making new connections, building teamwork, appreciating outdoor recreation, and providing experiences to grow in new ways.

When does ODS take place?

- ODS takes place the first full week of June.
- Students attend ODS in two groups; each group attends for 3 days and 2 nights.
- Your student's camp session is based upon their LA/SS block teacher. Students who have LA/SS in the morning will attend the first session of ODS, and students who have LA/SS in the afternoon will attend the 2nd session of ODS.

Where is ODS located?

- ODS is located in Cottage Grove at the Grove Christian Service camp.
- A map with directions to the camp is available on the TMS website and is available upon request.

Who provides the transportation?

- Students travel by school bus to ODS; parent volunteers may ride the bus or drive their own cars.
- If parents want to drive their child home from ODS, they may (after camp is cleaned and inspected) with prior arrangement and by signing the required forms.

What is the cost?

- There is no cost for students or for parent volunteers.

Do all 6th grade students get to participate?

- Our goal each year is for all of our 6th graders to attend ODS!
- Behavior contracts will be sent home in early March that explain behavior expectations prior to and during ODS.

What do students experience while at ODS?

- Team building activities take place on the first day of camp.
- Outdoor School lessons take place on the second day of camp. All lessons take place rain or shine!
- Some examples of lessons include: gold panning, archery, fly casting, GPS, outdoor cooking, aquatic insects, etc.
- Campfires will be held each night (rain or shine), and skits will be performed by staff and students!

How can parents be involved?

- We need parents to help supervise students in cabins at night and during lessons during the day.
- Parents who attend ODS will be placed with their child's lesson group.
- Parents who attend are strongly encouraged to join in all activities; students do better when all adults are highly involved.

What do students need to bring?

- The student packing list will be sent home in early May. It is also available on the TMS website.
- There is no need to spend a bunch of money to prepare for ODS! Campers can do well borrowing their siblings' and parents' boots and jackets, etc.

What do students eat while at ODS?

- Food is provided by the camp staff; it is both delicious and plentiful!
- Students are not to bring any snacks, candy, etc. to camp.

What if my child has allergies or takes medications?

- If your child will need to take any medication (including over the counter), they must have the medication forms completed ahead of time. Please contact TMS Student Services for all of the details about this.
- Please be in contact with your child's LA/SS teacher regarding any special needs.

What if I have more questions?

- Please contact your child's LA/SS or Math/Science teacher or the front office staff.

