



Silverwood School

Edventuring – Experiential Learning and Field Trips

Why

An essential component of the Silverwood learning philosophy is that learning through experience must be part of a balanced curriculum. Children at Silverwood learn in great part by experiencing the subject through dynamic, student-centered, age-appropriate activities.

Primary

Primary (kindergarten and first grade) activities are mainly on campus and include gardening, hands-on math, cooking projects, interactive literacy projects, young author presentations, environmental science, ceramics, music, and drama.

Intermediate

Experiential learning in the Intermediate program (second and third grades) includes opportunities to dramatically reenact history, learn geometry and engineering by building forts, or map the school property to learn measurement and geography. Students also travel to local theatre productions and art and history museums.

In the spring, third grade students spend four days and three nights at Islandwood, an environmental education camp on Bainbridge Island, where they learn sound environmental practices, participate in hands-on science activities in nature, and work together to build leadership and teamwork skills.

Senior

Each fall, the Silverwood fourth, fifth and sixth grades travel to either NatureBridge in the Olympic National Park or Mount Rainier Institute for a five-day, four-night camping excursion. This trip provides biology and natural science learning in the unique environment afforded by our Pacific Northwest forests and mountains. Students engage in team building exercises, challenging physical activities, and experience personal growth.

Each spring, the Silverwood sixth grade class undertakes a major travel experience as a culmination of a curricular theme in either history or science. This week-long excursion is the capstone of a year's academic study as well as an opportunity for significant leadership and personal growth.

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At Silverwood School, we challenge our students to become confident, compassionate citizens and skilled, life-long learners – literate, motivated, and intellectually adventurous.

Past Sixth Grade Trips

Boston, MA, and New York, NY

Crow Canyon Archeological Center, Cortez, CO

Catalina Island, CA

Teton Science Camp, Jackson Hole, WY

Geology Adventure, Gunnison River, CO

Florida Splash into Science Camp, FL

Havasupai Reservation, Lowell Observatory, Anasazi Ruins, Grand Canyon, AZ

Inland Empire – WA, ID, OR

NASA and Disney World, FL

University of Hawaii at Hilo, HI

University of Arizona Astronomy Camp, AZ

University of Arizona's Biosphere 2, AZ

Ashland Shakespeare Festival, OR

Washington D.C., Williamsburg, and Jamestown, VA