

Regina Street P.S. Gr. 5 Camp – Frequently Asked Questions

Where do the students camp?

The students camp at MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre. It is owned by the OCDSB and located off Highway 17 just east of Cumberland, approximately 45 minutes away from the school.



How are the students supervised?

Regina School staff is with the students 24 hours a day while at camp. Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bradley, and Mr. Perks, along with Ms G and Mrs. Little, will be accompanying the students on this trip. Our ratio of students to staff is about 5 to 1 during the day and at night, which ensures that everyone has a safe, fun experience while at camp.

Where do the students sleep?

Students and staff sleep in cabins. Each cabin has room for 8 students and one staff member. There are separate cabins for boys and girls. Students sleep on bunk beds with vinyl-covered foam mattresses, but will require warm bedding or sleeping bags. Cabins are heated by wood stoves (located on the opposite side of the cabin, far away from the sleeping area). There is a wash-up area with sinks and showers located in the nearby Village Inn. Students can only be in the cabins when supervised by a staff member.

What do the students eat?

Students are consulted in order to set up a healthy menu containing foods that they enjoy eating. Milk and juice are served at each meal. No pork, nuts, or seafood are served with any of the meals and any allergy or dietary concerns are carefully monitored. Other than a snack and lunch for the first day, students do not require any additional food.

What do the students do at camp?

The camp is located in a setting that allows students to do a variety of scientific investigations depending on the grade level and the season. In addition to the “hands-on” learning that the students do at camp, they also have a journal that they use to record the findings of their investigations and keep a record of the activities that they complete. Students are also responsible for cooking meals and keeping the facilities clean and tidy in a cooperative manner. A schedule is set up so that students work in small groups to help prepare meals and do the necessary cleaning. A schedule is included in the camp information package. We usually follow the plan fairly closely, but may need to make changes due to weather or other circumstances.

How are behaviour problems handled?

Due to the cooperative nature of the program, behaviour problems are relatively rare at camp. Students quickly learn that positive behaviour results in the best camp experience for everyone. In the unlikely event that serious problems occur, parents will be notified and will be responsible for making arrangements to transport their child home from camp. **Behaviour that is unsafe or shows a lack of respect for others, camp property or the surrounding environment is unacceptable and is not tolerated.**

Can I call my child at camp?

An emergency phone number will be provided to all students. The phone line at the camp is to be used for emergency calls only and therefore we ask that you do not call your child unless there is an emergency. If any problems occur we will call you (or one of the contacts you have listed, if you are unavailable) immediately. Even though it is the first time away from home for many of the students, we have found that it is easier if they do not call home. They are usually so busy having fun at camp that they forget all about how much they miss home!

What does my child need to bring?



Students will receive a checklist that details all of the necessary items. Please **do not send money, extra food or any electrical devices (radios, video games, etc.).**