



High School Mentor Information

Please read carefully

The mission of OSPREY Camp is to provide *Opportunities for Stewardship Promoting Respect for the Environment and Youth*. Through our outdoor education program, 5th & 6th grade students will attend OSPREY Camp for an entire school week with their teacher. The role of our High School and College Mentor is a vital component of our program. Through a **competitive and selective application process**, high school and college students are screened, selected and trained to ensure they are top notch role models who can provide a positive and safe OSPREY Camp experience for our students. ***Please Note: ALL MENTORS MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED, INCLUDING BOOSTER SHOT IF APPLICABLE (AND PROOF OF VACCINE VIA A VACCINATION CARD), IN ORDER TO ATTEND OUR MENTOR TRAINING WEEKEND AND A WEEK OF CAMP. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

OSPREY Camp is held at Camp Solomon Schechter just south of Olympia. Elementary students attending OSPREY Camp are from local public and private schools throughout the Puget Sound region.

Our 5th & 6th graders, with the assistance of their Mentors and classroom teachers, study a variety of environmental concepts with interactive lessons and activities, and apply them to the natural world. Living onsite at OSPREY Camp provides a supportive environment for development of life and social skills. Along with the direct supervision and support of our OSPREY Camp Staff, Mentors will provide hands-on care and supervision, 24 hours a day during a week of camp.

The influence our Mentors have on our elementary students is profound, thus the moral character of our High School Mentors must be of the highest quality. Our students look to their Mentors for guidance and direction. The success achieved by our 5th & 6th graders is in direct proportion to the enthusiasm shared, dedication shown, and positive attitude maintained by our High School Mentors. If selected to attend a week of Camp, our Mentors will obtain and receive documentation of 105 community service hours after successful completion of our Mentor Training weekend *and* a week of OSPREY Camp.

Mentor Training Weekend: To ensure our Mentors are thoroughly prepared, high school students are required to attend our Mentor Training Weekend: an overnight, two-day training workshop. Mentor Training Weekend will be held at OSPREY Camp on **Saturday, April 23rd – Sunday, April 24th, 2022**. Mentor Training Weekend provides high school and college students the opportunity to gain hands-on knowledge in our natural science areas, learn and implement exemplary leadership skills, participate in camp program activities, and to better understand the active role our Mentors play in the overall success of our students and the OSPREY Camp program. You cannot attend a week of OSPREY Camp without attending Mentor Training Weekend.



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High School Mentor Application Process

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1. The **first** step in the Mentor application process is to submit a detailed application.
2. If you are selected during the first-round application process, and invited to attend Mentor Training Weekend, attending Mentor Training Weekend is the **next step** in the application process. This does **not guarantee** you will be selected and invited to attend a week of OSPREY Camp as a Mentor. **YOU MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED, INCLUDING BOOSTER IF APPLICABLE, IN ORDER TO ATTEND TRAINING WEEKEND.**
3. Our **FINAL** Mentor selection process is based on the *overall summary* of the following areas:
 - a. **Applicant MUST be FULLY vaccinated, including booster shot if applicable, in order to be considered for selection. Proof of vaccination is required via a vaccination card.**
 - b. A competitive Mentor application
 - c. Attending *and* participating to the **fullest** extent throughout Mentor Training Weekend
 - d. Our brief Mentor interview during Mentor Training Weekend
 - e. Our OSPREY Camp Staff interactions, observations, and evaluations of Mentors during Mentor Training Weekend **and/or** previous experiences and evaluations of Mentors during their time spent at OSPREY Camp
 - f. The detailed Mentor evaluations provided by our Instructional Staff throughout Mentor Training Weekend

The final selection of Mentors to attend a week of OSPREY Camp will be determined by the OSPREY Camp Director and is **not** negotiable.

It is also important for you to consider the demands this commitment will have on your time and any schoolwork/projects/exams that are your responsibility to complete prior to attending OSPREY Camp or upon your return to school. We are counting on our selected Mentors to fulfill their Mentor obligations. Please **ensure you understand this information thoroughly** before submitting your application.

Please complete the following Mentor Application and **return it NO LATER than Friday, March 25th, 2022.** You may scan or take clear picture(s) of your **entire application** and submit it via email. **Please send to Karra Jackson, OSPREY Camp Director, at kjackson@campschechter.org.** If you have any questions, please contact Karra Jackson via email.

Mentors selected to attend Mentor Training Weekend will be **notified beginning Friday, April 1st, 2022.** You will receive several permission slips and additional information at this time.



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OSPREY Camp 2022 Mentor Application

Name_____	School_____	Grade_____	
Gender: _____	Pronouns_____	Age_____	GPA_____
Address _____			
City _____	State_____	Zip_____	
Email_____	Phone_____		

Briefly describe any camp experience you have: (Example: OSPREY Camp Mentor, attended OSPREY Camp as a 5th/6th grader, mentor/counselor at a different outdoor education/summer/church camp, etc.)

Describe any mentoring/leadership/volunteer positions you currently hold within your school and/or community.

Our Mentor application and selection process is incredibly competitive! Why do you want to be an OSPREY Camp Mentor? What positive attributes will you bring to our 5th & 6th grade students?



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The dates for our 3 weeks of OSPREY Camp are listed below. **You must rank your week preference in order from #1 thru #3** (#1 being your first choice). Please understand we cannot guarantee your week of preference. However, we will take your request into high consideration when assigning Mentors to a week of camp.

___ **May 9th – May 13th, 2022 *Will likely NOT have a week #1.**

___ **May 17th – May 20th, 2022 *Tukwila School District (Foster students have first priority) (4-day wk)**

___ **May 24th – May 27th, 2022. *Rainier Prep (4-day wk)**

It is vital that quality high school students provide leadership to our 5th & 6th grade students. Each applicant is required to have a faculty recommendation from their high school. The signature of this faculty member indicates **only** that this high school student possesses the characteristics to be a positive role model for our students.

I recommend _____ for participation in OSPREY Camp.

Signature of Faculty Recommendation _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Position _____

I have thoroughly read the above information. I understand submitting my Mentor application **does not** guarantee I will be selected to attend Mentor Training Weekend and/or a week of OSPREY Camp. I understand attending Mentor Training Weekend **does not** guarantee I will be selected as a Mentor for a week of camp. I understand having experience as an OSPREY Camp Mentor **does not** guarantee I will be selected as a Mentor for a week of camp. I understand I may be placed on a **'Wait List'** and asked to attend Mentor Training Weekend and/or a week of OSPREY Camp at the last minute; I will plan accordingly. I understand the OSPREY Camp Director will have the **final say** in selecting Mentors.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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