

August 9, 2016

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families,

Outdoor Education is next month, from Wednesday, September 21st through Friday, the 23rd. We're going to Miracle Ranch, near Gig Harbor, which is a Christian camp. We'll be meeting up with 6th-graders and staff from five of the other local LCMS schools: Faith, Peace, Hope, Concordia Seattle, and Concordia Tacoma. All together, we'll have about 80 6th-graders, with 15 adults (mostly teachers and administrators) from our schools, plus Miracle Ranch's full time camp staff.

We'll leave for Miracle Ranch around 9:00 on Wednesday morning, and will return around 3:00 on Friday afternoon. That's three days and two nights, where we'll be doing things like archery, horseback riding, swimming, and boating. We'll learn about the world God created in a well-structured, Christian environment. This will be my eleventh year at Outdoor Ed., and I have had a wonderful experience each year. I guarantee that your child will have a wonderful time, as well, even if (s)he has never previously spent the night away from home.

Enclosed is a stack of paperwork for you to browse:

1. Maps & Contact Information
2. a list of Outdoor Education Procedures
3. a list of Things to Bring to Outdoor Education
4. a copy of 2010's Outdoor Education Schedule, just so you have some idea what we'll be doing this year (there are only minor changes from year-to-year)
5. \*\*\*a Medical Information Form--needs to be turned in, whether or not your child uses medication
6. \*\*\*a Parent's Consent for Field Trip Form
7. \*\*\*Miracle Ranch's Waiver Form

Papers which need to be turned in to me are marked with asterisks. Please let me know if there's something I haven't mentioned, or something about which you are concerned. I am always happy to hear from you.

In Christ,

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**Maps & Contact Information:**

**Mr. Peter Martin cell phone (206) 351-5975**

**Miracle Ranch staff phone: (253) 851-4410**

**Miracle Ranch website: [http://www.cristacamps.com/miracle\\_ranch/default.asp](http://www.cristacamps.com/miracle_ranch/default.asp)**

**Miracle Ranch physical address: 15999 Sidney Road SW,  
Port Orchard, WA 98367**

**Driving Directions to Miracle Ranch from Southbound I-5:**

**Take I-5 to Hwy. 16/Bremerton exit (which is the first exit past the Tacoma Dome). Follow Hwy. 16 west, across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, to the Purdy exit. Proceed into Purdy, turn left at Hwy. 302 and cross the bridge. Continue a little over two miles to 94th Ave NW. Turn right. Proceed to the Miracle Ranch gate. (Miracle Ranch is located on Horseshoe Lake).**

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**Get directions** **My places**

**Suggested routes**

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>I-5 S</b>                | <b>85.6 mi, 1 hour 32 mins</b> |
| I-405 S and I-5 S           | 88.0 mi, 1 hour 36 mins        |
| WA-522 W, I-405 S and I-5 S | 90.1 mi, 1 hour 47 mins        |

**Driving directions to 15999 Sidney Rd SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367**

**A** zion lutheran school  
3923 103rd Ave SE  
Everett, WA 98205

1. Head south on **103rd Ave SE** toward **40th PI SE** 0.6 mi
2. Turn right onto **Bunk Foss Rd** 0.4 mi
3. Take the ramp onto **US-2 W/Stevens Pass Hwy** 4.8 mi
4. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for **I-5 S/Seattle/Everett Hewitt Ave** and merge onto **I-5 S** 61.5 mi
5. Take exit **132** to merge onto **WA-16 W** toward **Bremerton** 13.4 mi
6. Take the exit toward **WA-302 W/Purdy Key Center** 0.5 mi
7. Merge onto **Purdy Dr NW** 0.8 mi
8. Turn left onto **WA-302 W** 2.6 mi
9. Turn right onto **94th Ave NW** 1.0 mi
10. Slight left at **SW Lakes Dr** 75 ft

**B** 15999 Sidney Rd SW  
Port Orchard, WA 98367

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## *Outdoor Education at Miracle Ranch*

### ***Procedures***

1. Respect, Respect, and Respect are three very important things to remember. This includes respect for each other, for all adults, for the camp staff, for all property, and for God's name. Good manners are an important part of respect.
2. No one is allowed at the lake, in the boats, or swimming without permission and supervision. Life jackets must be worn in the boats.
3. No girls are allowed in the boys cabins, and no boys are allowed in the girls cabins.
4. No students are allowed in the cabins without an adult. Use the buddy system.
5. Students are to bring no money, and the only food they should bring is Wednesday's sack lunch.
6. Students must be to all sessions and meals on time.
7. Lights out and quiet time are strictly enforced.
8. This is outdoor education, not indoor education: No iPods, iPads, cell phones or other electronic devices are allowed.
9. This is a school event, and school rules apply. Stay where adults can see you, there's no running in the buildings, no hats on in the dining hall.
10. Name tags are to be worn around the neck and visible at all times. They are required for admission to meals.
11. All medication must be checked in through the camp nurse and in the original container. Students may not have medication in their luggage, and may not administer their own medications.
12. Table etiquette: be prepared for family-style meals. There's only one main course—there's no menus. Politely ask for food to be passed around the table, rather than reaching across the table to grab it for yourself.



## ***Things to Bring to Outdoor Education!***

1. Brown bag sack lunch and drink for Wednesday—to be collected by the teacher before departure.
2. Medications in their original container, to be collected by the teacher, then always available at the nurse station—these may not be kept on the student, and may not be administered except by the camp nurse.
3. Water bottle with first and last name and school name on it.
4. Bible
5. Pencil or Pen
6. Sleeping bag and pillow
7. Toothbrush & bathroom kit
8. Flashlight
9. Plastic bag for wet clothes
10. Hat
11. Two towels
12. Clothes: Be prepared for any weather: Cold, Hot, Dry, Wet. Bring extra socks, shoes, jeans; Long pants and tennis shoes/cowboy boots are required for riding horses.



### ***Optional:***

1. Camera cheaper than your shoes
2. Shower shoes
3. Cowboy boots
4. Swimming suit
5. Insect repellent
6. Sun screen

### ***Things to leave at home:***

1. Bad attitude
2. Grumpy disposition.
3. Money
4. Dressy, expensive, or stylish clothing.
5. Make-up
6. Electronics of any kind
7. Valuables
8. Food
9. Too much stuff, bulky pillows, stuffed animals—we don't have a lot of space in our vehicles.



*Puget Sound Lutheran Schools*  
**OUTDOOR EDUCATION SCHEDULE**  
SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2010

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

10:00-10:30 Arrival and move in to cabins  
10:30-11:30 Opening Activities & Parent Volunteer Orientation  
11:30-12:30 Lunch

**12:30-2:00 SESSION 1**

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| SALMON LIFE CYCLE         | -Orange (Bear and Wolf)      |
| HORSE/BIBLE STUDY         | -Blue (Eagle and Osprey)     |
| BOATING/SWIMMING          | -Red (Trout and Otter)       |
| FIRST AID                 | -Green (Elk and Deer)        |
| ARCHERY                   | -Yellow (Beaver and Raccoon) |
| NATURE HIKE/ARTS & CRAFTS | -Purple (Cougar and Orcas)   |

**2:00-2:30 Snack**

**2:30-4:00 SESSION 2**

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| SALMON LIFE CYCLE         | -Red    |
| HORSES/BIBLE STUDY        | -Orange |
| BOATING/SWIMMING          | -Blue   |
| FIRST AID                 | -Purple |
| ARCHERY                   | -Green  |
| NATURE HIKE/ARTS & CRAFTS | -Yellow |

**4:00-5:30 Activity Time**

Boating/Swimming; Sprout ball (Red, Yellow, Blue)  
Basketball, Volleyball, Capture the Flag (Orange, Green, Purple)

**5:30-5:50 Meet in cabins and wash up**

**6:00-7:00 Eat/clean-up**

**7:00-8:00 Debbie Goodrich- Bird Lady**

**8:00-8:45 Devotions and singing at the campfire**

**8:45-9:15 Report to Cabins**

**10:00 Lights Out**

**10:30 Quiet Time**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**7:45-8:00 Devotions in Cabin**

**8:00-8:45 Breakfast**

**9:00-10:30 SESSION 3**

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| SALMON LIFE CYCLE         | -Purple |
| HORSES/BIBLE STUDY        | -Red    |
| BOATING/SWIMMING          | -Orange |
| FIRST AID                 | -Yellow |
| ARCHERY                   | -Blue   |
| NATURE HIKE/ARTS & CRAFTS | -Green  |

**10:45-12:15      SESSION 4**

SALMON LIFE CYCLE                      - Yellow  
HORSES/BIBLE STUDY                      - Purple  
BOATING/SWIMMING                      - Red  
FIRST AID                                      - Green  
ARCHERY                                        - Orange  
NATURE HIKE/ARTS & CRAFTS           - Blue

**12:30-1:15           Lunch**

**1:30-3:00            SESSION 5**

SALMON LIFE CYCLE                      -Green  
HORSES/BIBLE STUDY                      -Yellow  
BOATING/SWIMMING                      -Purple  
FIRST AID                                      -Blue  
ARCHERY                                        -Red  
NATURE HIKE/ARTS & CRAFTS           -Orange

**3:00-3:15            Snack**

**3:15-4:45            Activity Time**

Boating/swimming; Sprout ball (Orange, Green, Purple)  
Basketball, Volleyball, Capture the Flag (Red, Yellow, Blue)

**4:45-5:30            Rest Time in Cabins**

**5:30-6:30            Dinner/Clean-up**

**6:45-7:00            Prepare for Rodeo**

**7:00-8:30            Rodeo**

**8:45-9:15            Devotions and Singing at Campfire**

**9:30-10:00          Report to Cabins**

**10:00    Lights Out**

**10:30    Quiet Time**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**7:45-8:00            Devotions in Cabins**

**8:00-9:00            Breakfast**

**9:00 -10:00          Cabin and Grounds Clean-up**

**10:00-11:30        SESSION 6**

SALMON LIFE CYCLE                      -Blue  
HORSES/BIBLE STUDY                      -Green  
BOATING/SWIMMING                      -Yellow  
FIRST AID                                      -Orange  
ARCHERY                                        -Purple  
NATURE HIKE/ARTS & CRAFTS           -Red

**11:30-12:00        Closing Devotions**

**12:00-1:00        Lunch/Clean-up**

**1:00                  Leave Camp**

**Outdoor Education at Miracle Ranch  
Nurse Station Medical Information Form**

**School: Zion Lutheran  
Teacher Name: Mr. Martin**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part One: Regular Medications**

Please list all regular medications that your child takes. Your child may not carry these on his/her person or in the cabins while at camp. These medications are to be given in a sealed bag to your child's teacher, who will check them in at the nurse station upon arrival at camp. The nurse station will distribute the medication to your child as directed.

Medication:  
Taken for:  
Dosage:

Medication:  
Taken for:  
Dosage:

Medication:  
Taken for:  
Dosage:

Medication:  
Taken for:  
Dosage:

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**Part Two: "As Needed" Medications**

You may send over-the-counter medications with your child for use as needed, for example, medications for pain, allergies, stings, or upset stomach. Your child may not carry these on his/her person or in the cabins while at camp. These medications are to be given in a sealed bag to your child's teacher, who will check them in at the nurse station upon arrival at camp. The nurse station will call you if these medications are given to your child. If your child comes to the nurse station with mild symptoms but not medication, the nurse station will attempt to find a suitable medication and call you before administering it.

Medication:  
Taken for:  
Dosage:

Medication:  
Taken for:  
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Medication:  
Taken for:  
Dosage:

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**Part Three: Emergency Contact Information for the Nurse Station**

Parent Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1:

Phone #2:

Phone #3:



**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
PARENT'S CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIP**

Dear Parents:

Zion's 6th Grade

is planning a field trip to Outdoor Education at Miracle Ranch.

Date of the Trip September 21st to 23rd

Time of Departure 9:00 am Wednesday

Place of Departure school

Person in Charge Mr. Martin

Means of Transportation vans

Total # People Participating about 15

Place of Return school

Time of Return 2:00pm Friday

Cost of trip will be: Transportation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Food \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ 0--the costs of the trip are prepaid in activity fees**

Other Information: See attached packet.

In order that your child will derive the greatest benefit from the trip, suitable and comfortable shoes and clothing should be worn.

If there is an undue delay in returning home, the advisor will notify the school. The school number is 425 334 5064.

The section at the bottom of this form must be signed and returned to school,

**BEFORE your child will be permitted to take part in the trip.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please cut here; keep the top part of the form and return the bottom part to school.)

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the above described field trip on September 21-23 under conditions stated in this notice. I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of my child and that I will be notified as soon as possible in case of an emergency; however, in the event of sickness or accident I will not hold Zion Lutheran School or the field trip leaders responsible. In case of sickness or accident, I authorize the providing of necessary medical services at my expense.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person other than parent (for emergency use)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please note any allergies, physical conditions, medical information, or medications which might affect your child's participation on this trip, and of which the person responsible should be aware.





**Agreement for Waiver and Release, Assumption of Risks & Indemnification** (rev 1/10)

**NOTICE:** This document affects your legal rights, please read carefully. Handwritten *changes* to this document are not permitted and will not be honored. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement and shall not be modified except via written document, executed by both parties. If any portion of this Agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Group or Event Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Legal Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

I, the above Participant or the Parent/Legal Guardian of participant, being above the age of 18, agree as follows:

I acknowledge and understand that certain camping activities, including but not limited to: skating, skateboarding, paintball, ropes courses, archery, marksmanship, water sports, horses and dirt bikes are hazardous and dangerous activities that require strenuous exercise and varying degrees of skill and experience. I understand that these activities can result in serious injury to the person and damage to property and I voluntarily assume any and all risks of loss, damage or injury while on the premises.

I acknowledge that there are risks, hazards and dangers of personal injury, death and disability inherent in entering camp grounds and participating in, or viewing camp activities. I am aware that the usual risks, hazards and dangers of personal injury, death and disability increase when using certain camping equipment and when other persons, whether of the same or different level or experience or skill, are using the same facilities and equipment.

In consideration for my participation, or for the participation of my child or the minor for whom I represent that I am legal guardian, I hereby release and forever discharge Island Lake Camp, Miracle Ranch Camp, and CRISTA Ministries, and their servants, employees, officers, directors, trustees and all other persons or entities acting on their behalf (collectively referred to as "CRISTA"), from any and all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses and attorney fees which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected to my, my child's, or the minor for whom I represent that I am legal guardian's viewing or participation in any camping activities. By signing this Agreement, it is my intention to waive any rights to sue or seek damages from CRISTA; except where injury, death or disability results from CRISTA's gross negligence.

I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend CRISTA against any and all claims for damages, costs, expenses or attorneys fees brought by any third party in connection with or arising out of my, or the above-listed participant's involvement or participation. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my marital community, estate, heirs, agents, personal representatives and assigns.

**Emergency Consent:** \_\_\_\_\_ (participant's name) may receive emergency and/or routine medical care from a physician or emergency facility if I am incapacitated (if participant), or cannot be reached in an emergency (if parent/guardian).

**Photo Release:** CRISTA may publish photos taken of participant and I release all rights to remuneration for such photos.

I hereby certify that I am over 18 years of age; I have carefully read the foregoing and acknowledge that I understand and agree to all the terms and conditions. I have had the opportunity to ask any and all questions regarding this Agreement and the effect of the same. I am aware that by signing this Agreement, I assume all risks and waive and release certain substantial rights that I have or possess.

Participant Signature (on behalf of marital community) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (on behalf of marital community) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Indemnification for Parents/Guardians – Must be completed for participants under the age of 18.**

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_'s (print minor's name) ("Minor") participation in Camps activities including the use of Camps equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold CRISTA harmless from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (on behalf of marital community) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_