



## Valley View

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are currently planning a school off-site activity to **Camp Chief Hector YMCA Sunship Earth Outdoor School**, which is located near Kananaskis, Alberta. The Off-Site Activity will occur from **May 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**. The students will be transported for the activity by Southland Transportation busses. The students are required to be at the school by **8:00 am on May 19<sup>th</sup>**. The bus will leave at 9:00 am and will not wait for late students. Over the duration of the trip, they will participate in the activities described below, and depart from Camp Chief Hector at 12:00 pm on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and will need to be picked up at approximately 2:30pm, as there will be no bussing available.



Our students will have the opportunity to conduct investigations and build an understanding of the interdependence of plants and animals as outlined in the Sunship Earth Program and in the Alberta Program of Studies.

The following staff will be supervising the off-site activity: Jeff Hawken, Emily Wentzell, Jennifer Dunne, Chester Liu and Grace Miao.



You are asked to complete the attached Consent & Acknowledgement of Risk and Student Behaviour Contract forms if you consent to your son/daughter attending this off-site activity. If your child(ren) is unable to participate in this activity, they will participate in daily work at the school, covering information that they will be missing out on at camp. Information about the administrative regulations governing these forms can be found at [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca) / Policies / Administrative Regulations/ AR3027.

While some degree of risk is always associated in all school off-site activity, we have outlined specific areas of concern on the Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form. To prepare your child(ren) for these risks we ask that you ensure: packing essential items, have discussions regarding appropriate behaviour and safety. Please refer to the Packing List provided to ensure that your child has all necessary items and is aware of items not permitted.

The fee for the Sunship Earth Outdoor School is \$325 per student. This fee includes transportation, lodging, all meals and snacks, and educational programming. Thank you to the generous donation from our Parent Council and the Strong Kids Foundation, you will only need to pay a maximum of \$260.

If you have any questions about the school off-site activity, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Jeff Hawken at 403-777-8250.

Sincerely,

Shawn Palmer, Emily Wentzell, Chester Liu, Carla Lewis, Marc Affeld, Grace Miao, and Jeff Hawken