



Board Meeting: January 6, 2025

Title: Countryside Elementary Continuous Progress Grades 1-5 to YMCA Camp St. Croix - May 14-16, 2025

Type: Information

Presenters: Jody DeSt. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning

Lead Teacher: Nathan Monseth, CP Teacher

Description: The scheduled times and dates are as follows:

Wednesday, May 14, 2025	9:30am	Leave Countryside
	10:15am	Arrive at Camp St. Croix
Wednesday, May 16, 2025	12:30pm	Leave Camp St. Croix
	1:15pm	Arrive at Countryside

The purpose of YMCA Camp St. Croix is to give students a positive learning experience in an excellent outdoor environment. We believe that when students are given this type of experience they are more likely to work to maintain a quality environment and that this personal commitment is essential in preserving the environment for future generations. All activities are interdisciplinary with hands-on emphasis. The experience connects directly to Strategy A: Advance Academic Growth and Readiness and the development of Edina Early Learning - 12 STEAM Pathways.

Study topics will include classes similar to the following: Aquatic Ecology, River Rendezvous, Tree-mendous, Bats and Owls, Salmon Run, Climbing Wall, High Ropes, and Predator Prey. Social and Emotional Learning activities will include team building initiatives throughout the days and a variety show finale.

Costs: The cost per child will be approximately \$140 for room, board and program with \$10 for transportation. A fund is available for families who need assistance.

Transportation: Bus service will be arranged in coordination with Edina Public Schools transportation department or a recommended vendor. Parent chaperones will be driving cars and transporting student luggage.

Supervision: Five teachers and approximately 60 adults will accompany the group.

Recommendation: This report is provided for information for the School Board and our Edina stakeholders.

Attachments:

1. Appendix III Board Policy 538, [Extended Field Trip and Travel Application Preliminary Approval](#)
2. [Insurance](#)
3. [Student Travel: Background Information for Extended Travel](#)