



Board Meeting Date: 2.13.23

Title: Countryside Elementary Continuous Progress Grades 1-5 to YMCA Camp St. Croix (May 22-24, 2023)

Type: Information

Presenters: Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning

Description: The scheduled times and dates are as follows:

Monday, May 22, 2023	8:30am	Leave Countryside
	9:15am	Arrive at Camp St. Croix
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	1:00pm	Leave Camp St. Croix
	1:45pm	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 like 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.

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

Recommendation: Approve the Countryside Elementary Continuous Progress travel experience to Camp St. Croix for May of 2023.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Review and approve this student travel experience.