

Dear Future Fifth Grade Parents,

May 2022

We are very excited to tell you about **Camp Goddard**, the four-day science camp for Kingfisher's fifth grade students. From **October 3-6, 2022** (Monday-Thurs.) we take our students to the Goddard Youth Camp near Sulphur, Oklahoma, one of the few National Education Landmarks in the United States. It is an excellent camp facility set up especially for the environmental science education of our youth. For the last twenty-nine years, Kingfisher Public Schools has been able to offer this opportunity to our students, and it has been a great success! We are excited to continue this unique outdoor educational experience and feel that it is an integral and valuable part of our school program.

The cost of camp is \$205 which includes all meals, transportation, insurance and lodging for the full four days. Your payment options are listed below. Also, please let us know if you're interested in being a parent volunteer for camp. **KPS pays the cost for volunteers.** If you are interested in going as a volunteer parent and are available for these days, please mark the appropriate space on the form below.



CAMP GODDARD 2022 PAYMENT PLAN



We recognize that this is a BIG financial commitment from parents, so we hope the payment options listed below will help. When sending checks, please make them payable to KPS. **CHOOSE AN OPTION BELOW AND RETURN THIS NOTE TO HERITAGE.**

_____ Pay \$205 in full now (Send checks to Heritage or KMS Attention: Misty Blundell)

_____ Pay \$102.50 now and the remaining \$102.50 by Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022.

_____ Pay 5 payments of \$41 each due by the 25th of May, June, July, August, and September. Send these summer checks to Pam Werner, KPS, 602 W. Chisholm, Kingfisher, OK 73750

_____ My student is Native American (this requires a CDIB card) and **may** qualify for JOM funds. JOM typically pays one half, so you will be responsible for the remaining \$102.50. Five payments of \$20.50 per month are due by the 25th of May, June, July, Aug., and Sept. Send checks to Pam Werner, KPS, 602 W. Chisholm, Kingfisher, OK 73750

(circle: M or F)

_____ **Print Student's Name**

_____ **Parent's Signature**

_____ **Yes, I,** _____ *** volunteer to attend Camp Goddard**
first, middle, last (please print parent name)

as a parent sponsor for Oct. 3-6, 2022. My cell number is _____. KPS covers the cost of our volunteers. ***In signing up, I attest that I have never been convicted of a felony.** Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at 375-6607.

Thanks!
Liz Walter & Misty Blundell – Camp Goddard Directors ☺

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP GODDARD

1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM?

- To develop an awareness and appreciation of the total environment.
- To develop an appreciation for the importance of conserving our natural resources.
- To develop an appreciation and respect for our fellow classmates.
- To develop an understanding that all subject areas are related.
- To give the children a wholesome experience they will long remember.

2. HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

A fee of \$205 per child is charged. This fee covers the week's lodging, meals, and insurance for the week of camp. Payment plans are available. The cost for adult volunteers is paid for by the KPS.

3. IS THE CAMP SUPERVISED?

YES, most certainly!!!! Your child will be under close, competent supervision by specially trained teachers the whole time they are away. Middle School teachers Misty Blundell, Liz Walter, Coni Kitchens, Amanda Matthews, and Katy Custer are the camp leaders with some 20 volunteer parents plus the Camp Goddard staff.

4. WHAT ABOUT MY CHILD'S PHYSICAL CARE?

The cabins at Camp Goddard are permanent, year-round structures with beds, adequate heat/air conditioning and comfortable facilities. Food is plentiful and wholesome and prepared by competent, experienced persons. Counselors will rigidly enforce observance of safety standards. If your child has some special health problem such as allergies, diet, special medicines, sleep-walking, or bed-wetting, etc., please let us know. We will arrange for special treatment and see that your child is not embarrassed by his/her problem, whatever it may be.

5. MAY PARENTS VISIT THE CAMP?

A day visit by parents is fine, but it is certainly not expected or even the norm. Take a cue from your own child about their preference. Often children think of camp as an independent experience in which they are on their own. Sometimes a visit can be somewhat upsetting or even embarrassing which could spoil that feeling of self-reliance.

6. WHAT ABOUT ILLNESS OR AN EMERGENCY?

In case of an illness or emergency, teachers notify the parents FIRST!! If this is impossible, the child would be taken to a clinic or emergency room.

7. WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?

Kingfisher Public Schools provide bus transportation to and from camp.

8. ARE ALL PUPILS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE CAMP?

No, your child is not required to attend camp. It is our sincerest desire that all students in good standing with their behavior attend the camp, and when at all possible they all do. This experience may be one of the best opportunities your child will have, both academically and socially. If for some reason, however, you do not feel it is best for your child to attend, this will be left to your discretion. If your child does not attend Camp Goddard, they will attend regular classes at school.

9. WHAT CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ARE NEEDED?

No special clothes or equipment are needed. Old clothes and comfortable shoes are the best for our outdoor hiking and activities. Students also need bedding or a sleeping bag, but nothing new.