



Program Overview

We are excited to work with the Creekside students during their enrichment this fall. In these three sessions instructors from Headwaters Science Institute will mentor students through creating their own scientific research projects around the plants and insects in the forests of Lake Tahoe. The goal of this is to give them a strong scientific experience and a unique connection to the area we live in.

Below is a program schedule. Students do not need to bring anything other than curiosity and appropriate attire for exploring the woods behind the Rideout Community Center. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions on this program. Headwaters Science Institute is a non-profit based in Soda Springs dedicated to providing great scientific education opportunities. You can learn more at our website headwatersscienceinstitute.org

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Friday September 9th: Project Design. Students will generate research questions, create hypotheses, and design their methodologies for the experiments they will conduct the following week.

Friday September 16th: Data Collection. Students will spend the day collecting data around the community. Groups will have the opportunity to adjust their methods and research focus after collecting preliminary data.

Friday September 30th: Project Synthesis: Students will relate their findings back to their hypothesis and the broader context of science. Older students will go over methods for analyzing their data. All grades will create a final presentation that shares and synthesizes their project.

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PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

*****READ BEFORE SIGNING*****

Participant Name _____

I/we permit my/our child to attend and participate in all aspects of the Creekside Enrichment program September, 2016, for which trip Headwaters Science Institute (HSI) will be providing education/guiding services. While I/we understand that school staff and HSI are providing supervision of this trip, I/we acknowledge the disclosures and disclaimers contained in the information provided for this trip, including the following: The trip involves travel, and hiking around the school grounds; HSI is not responsible for my/our child's equipment; and HSI will not be providing constant supervision of the student participants, but all planned outdoor activities will be adult-supervised. I/we also understand that there are inherent risks of serious personal injury and possibly death or paralysis, or property damage involved in all of the above activities and travel, and that it is not practicable for HSI to provide supervision of such activities at all times. I/we voluntarily assume and accept such risks of personal injury and property damage arising from my/our child's attendance and participation in such activities and travel.

I/we release, indemnify, and hold harmless HSI, its officers, board, employees and agents from all actions, claims or demands that I/we, my/our child, our heirs or representatives now have or may have in the future for personal injuries or property damage resulting from my/our child's attendance and/or participation in the above-described field trip. I/we agree that this release includes personal injury or property damages caused by negligence, active or passive, of HSI and its officers, board, employees and agents; however, the release does not apply to liability for gross negligence, willful injury, fraud, or intentional violation of law. This release is not intended to release HSI's insurer or non-agent third parties of any responsibility for any claims that may be asserted, including those risks expressly released herein. The provisions of this agreement shall remain in effect through the completion of the trip.

Occasionally we will use photos and/or video shot during our educational programs for inclusion with our educational program promotional materials such as newsletters, websites, slideshows etc. By signing this agreement you are giving us permission to use such images without additional approval and without restriction.

Occasionally we find it necessary to transport students short distances in our personal vehicles, either to shuttle to a trailhead, or in the event of a student becoming ill, or injured. By signing this agreement you are giving us permission to use personal vehicles to transport your child in such a case.

I/WE HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT; I/WE UNDERSTAND IT INCLUDES A FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY STATED ABOVE; AND I/WE AGREE TO ITS TERMS.

Dated: _____ / _____
(signature) (print name)

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STUDENT/CHAPERONE REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Info

Participant's Name:

Trip Date(s): 9/9, 9/16, and 9/30/2016

Participant's Address:

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Email

Emergency Contact Name

Phone

Alt. Phone number

Headwaters Science Institute trips include one to three miles of hiking per day on sometimes uneven terrain. To help us prepare, please fill out the next section accurately. If the participant is a minor, a parent or guardian should complete this form.

Medical Info

Please tell us about any medical history or present conditions that may affect participation in a group hike or a group-learning environment.

List any medications the participant is taking.

List the participant's allergies.

List all dietary restrictions.

Does the participant have health insurance?
Insurance company and policy #:

Use the space below to tell us any other pertinent information about the participant.