

HIGH TRAILS

HIGH TRAILS OUTDOOR EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Completed application is due to Mrs. Harrell AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Applicants are given assignments on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis beginning on the first day of school for all students. (August 16, 2019)

Applications are complete when:

- (1) Online application is submitted, as soon as possible.
- (2) Student and parent agreements page is printed, signed, and returned to Mrs. Harrell in the library no earlier than Aug 16.
- (3) Teacher recommendations are printed and given to teachers, as soon as possible.

WHAT IS HIGH TRAILS?

High Trails is an outdoor education center located near Florissant, CO, that brings middle school students and teachers together to learn in and about the outdoors. High school students serve as counselors to sixth grade students with supervision provided by middle school teachers and the High Trails staff. High School students live with the sixth graders in cabins, help teach Discovery group classes, serve as recreational assistants and function in various other roles. High Trails provides a unique opportunity for each counselor to gain experience in leadership and to promote personal growth and development. Counselors need to enjoy working with children and living in an outdoor environment.

WHEN IS HIGH TRAILS?

September 3 – 6, 2019	Timberview MS	October 8 – 11, 2019	Discovery Canyon MS
September 10 – 13, 2019	Timberview MS	October 14 – 17*, 2019	Challenger MS
September 17 – 20, 2019	Eagleview MS	October 22 – 25, 2019	Challenger MS
September 24 – 27, 2019	Eagleview MS	October 29 – November 1, 2019	Mountain Ridge MS
September 30 – October 3*, 2019	Discovery Canyon MS	November 5 – 8, 2019	Mountain Ridge MS
*These weeks are Monday through Thursday.			
April 20 – 23*, 2020	Chinook Trail MS	Applications for the CTMS weeks will open on March 1. Priority will be given to students that did not attend High Trails in the fall.	
April 28 – May 1, 2020	Chinook Trail MS		

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

There is no cost to students serving as counselors. YOU CAN RECORD UP TO 60 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Students in grades 10-12 who feel they can afford to miss four days from Pine Creek activities in and out of the classroom.

WHAT ABOUT HOMEWORK?

Students are responsible for all work assigned while they are gone from school. Students must make arrangements for assignments with each teacher **before** their week of camp.

WHAT IS THE JOB OF A CAMP COUNSELOR?

Camp counselors will:

1. Live in a cabin with a group of students and help develop them into a living and working unit. (Two counselors per sixth graders)
2. Assist and teach discovery groups, inspiring interest and enthusiasm in the subjects being taught.
3. Lead evening programs, recreational activities, early morning hikes, etc
4. Work on the kitchen crew for some meals – wash dishes, help the cooks, clean tables, etc.
5. Participate in leadership and training sessions with other high school leaders.
6. Serve as role models to impressionable youth.

ARE THERE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF THE CAMP COUNSELORS?

YES! Being a camp counselor is an important job and one that requires much responsibility and maturity. Under limited direction and guidance of a middle school teacher, YOU will be a teacher, leader and friend to sixth grade students. You will be expected to be a good leader and mentor and role model at all times.

To prepare you to be a counselor you can attend the High School Leadership Day. You will be introduced to the activities you will be using with sixth graders, experience High Trails, visit the high ropes course and much more. Leadership Day is the Friday before the first week of High Trails. If you are interested please sign up with Mrs. Harrell in the library.

WHEN WILL I KNOW WHAT WEEK I WILL ATTEND?

You will be notified of your assignment, if chosen, at least one week in advance, through the Remind app. To sign up for Remind text the message **@ah493a** to the number **81010**. *Please do not assume your first choice will be assigned.* There are many factors in determining high school counselor placement. You are welcome to inquire after the status of your application and assignment. A schedule will be posted, and updated regularly, on Mrs. Harrell's office door in the library.

Additional information can be found at the High Trails Website: <http://www.htoec.org/> and the Academy District 20 Website: <https://www.asd20.org/Info/Academics/Pages/High-Trails.aspx>