



TEMPLETON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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August 30, 2023

Dear Mini School Students and Parents/Guardians – Grades 8, 10, and 12:

Our trip to Strathcona Park Lodge will take place from **Monday, Sept 25 to Friday, Sept 29, 2023.**

On **Monday, Sept 25** students should be in the parking lot at the front of the school at **8:50 am** in order to load the bus, take attendance, and catch the ferry at Horseshoe Bay to board at 11:05 am. The Lodge is located west of Campbell River on Vancouver Island. We will be taking another bus from the ferry in Nanaimo to the Lodge. Students should bring a bagged lunch for Monday **and have it packed separately so that it is available during the bus trip.** We will be returning to Templeton Secondary at approximately **4:30 pm on Friday, Sept 29.** Our ferry arrives in Horseshoe Bay at 3:05pm and traffic will determine our arrival at the school.

Please see the **Enrichment Fee Payment Schedule**, on the back of this page, for information on the best option to suit your needs. Payment is due on or before **Friday, September 15.** Please make your cheque(s) payable to **Templeton Secondary School.** Alternatively, payment may be made via Online Cash. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in the program because of an inability to pay this fee, as per VSB Financial Hardship Policy. Bursaries are available. Please contact Mr. Raza Mirani, Principal (in confidence).

For all high-risk outdoor activities at Strathcona, students will be divided into groups of up to 10 with two adult chaperones. One or more of these chaperones will be a certified outdoor recreation leader from Strathcona. The leaders for all out trips have first aid certification and radio communication with the basecamp for emergencies. Students will be housed in cabins/dorms with shared bedrooms and bathrooms. Grade 8s have one overnight camping trip and all other grades will have a two or three-night trip. On these nights, students will sleep under a tarp with up to 12 people, including chaperones, at the same campsite.

Clothing and Equipment Lists are on the SPL website: <https://strathconaparklodge.com/youth-programs/school-programs/forms-and-downloads/>. Please also find enclosed Parent/Guardian Field Studies Consent/Acknowledgement of Risk, Medical/Emergency Consent, Responsibilities of Templeton Mini School Students, and SPL Youth Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk and SPL Medical Forms. All forms are also available on the Templeton Mini School website at <https://templetonminischool.wixsite.com/templeton>, under **Excursions – 2023-2024 Field Trip Forms.** Some forms are two sided, so please be sure to complete both sides. Parents are asked to review the Student Responsibility form before signing it.

All **forms** must be handed in to Ms Koblbauer by **Friday, September 15.** Cheque payments must be given to Ms Koblbauer or to the **accountant** in the **main office** by **Friday, September 15.**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE HANDED IN ON TIME.

For emergencies only, the telephone number for Strathcona is 250-286-3122. Students will not be able to call home unless it is an **emergency.**

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact either **Christina Koblbauer** at ckoblbauer@vsb.bc.ca or **John Lawrence** at jlawrence@vsb.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Christina Koblbauer
Templeton Mini School Head Teacher

TEMPLETON MINI SCHOOL STRATHCONA 2023 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Templeton Mini School charges students for costs associated with their annual trips. Students do not pay for anything else; the TMSPA does fundraising to offset costs for in-school activities.

The payment options below are available so that the fees are more manageable. You may submit a series of post-dated cheques in the numbers listed below, but please note all cheques are due at the same time (please ensure you have the correct day and year on each cheque). Please date the cheques starting in September, and then the first of each month for the number of payments you have chosen. You may also pay the fees in one lump sum by cheque or online. Please make all cheques payable to Templeton Secondary School.

Please note that fieldtrips are not refundable unless the trip is cancelled by the Mini School or the Vancouver School Board.

Enrichment Fee Payment Schedule: Grade 8

Strathcona Fee Total		\$750
Number of Post-Dated Cheques	Amount per Cheque	
2	\$375.00	
4	\$187.50	
5	\$150.00	
10	\$75.00	

*Grade 10 and 12 students, please note that a \$50 deposit was paid in June. Therefore, the remaining balance is \$700.

Enrichment Fee Payment Schedule: Grades 10, 12 (\$50 deposit paid in June)

Strathcona Fee Remaining Total		\$700
Number of Post-Dated Cheques	Amount per Cheque	
2	\$350.00	
4	\$175.00	
5	\$140.00	
10	\$70.00	

STRATHCONA PARK LODGE PACKING LIST

All program participants, including chaperones, require appropriate clothing and equipment to participate in SPL programs. Consider this a list of "must-haves" regardless of the season.

The weather can be unpredictable, participants need to be prepared for whatever nature brings us, no matter the forecast!

NOTES ABOUT CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

LAYER UP! For active outdoor pursuits, the best way to regulate body temperature is to wear **layers** of clothing that can be adjusted depending on the weather, temperature and activity level. Layers should include **long underwear**, warm **mid-layers** and **waterproof outerwear**. *Wool, nylon, polyester and synthetic fleece are recommended as they provide insulation even when wet. They also dry quickly!*

PREPARE FOR UNEXPECTED WEATHER. In early spring or late fall you'll want to add some warmer layers - it has unexpectedly snowed here at those times! June thru mid-September you may want extra shorts and T-shirts.

COTTON IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS A WARM LAYER. *It doesn't insulate when wet and is slow to dry!*

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER RAIN GEAR CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. Raingear must be waterproof. (coated PVC or Gore-Tex) as opposed to water resistant - if you can't stay dry in the shower while wearing your rain gear, it is not appropriate for the outdoors. This is NOT A JOKE.

REDUCE CLOTHING WASTE. It should not be necessary to purchase new items to enjoy your SPL experience. We recommend borrowing, renting or purchasing second hand items that you do not already own.

REQUIRED PACKING LIST All participants must pack the following items.

CLOTHING

- Clothing set for each day, including transportation days. **NO COTTON!**
- Waterproof Jacket and Pants. Gore-Tex or rubber.
- Bathing suit
- Sun hat or baseball hat
- Fleece/wool toque (warm hat) & gloves
- Closed-toed shoes

*This clothing and equipment will be used both on-site and on your camping trip.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING ADD-ONS *Add these if you are going on an overnight camping trip of any kind.*

- Sleeping pad (Therma-rest type or closed cell foam)
- Unbreakable cup, bowl & spoon
- 5 large garbage bags and zip-loc bags for waterproofing gear.
- 2 fleece, wool or acrylic tops/sweaters
- 1 pair of nylon, fleece or wool pants
- Wool or synthetic long underwear top and bottom
- Synthetic fill jacket or puffy jacket

EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping bag and stuff sack (minimum -7°C; synthetic fill is preferable)
- Day pack
- Headlamp or flashlight with spare batteries
- 1 liter water bottle
- Toiletries & Towel
- Sunglasses with straps
- Water resistant Sunscreen: SPF 45 or higher
- Watch
- Synthetic T-shirt
- 3 pairs of wool socks (One pair will get wet, one pair for camp which may get wet, one pair for sleeping that is always dry)
- 1 dry pair of camp shoes
- Bug shirt or Mosquito head net (recommended mid-May through to mid-October)
- You **MUST** bring the stuff sacks for your sleeping bags and sleeping pads

GLASSES: We recommend a safety strap or contact lenses. Please also bring an extra pair of glasses as a back-up.

MEDICATION: A) Check the **expiry date**. B) Bring a complete **second set** (that your instructor/guide can carry) in case the first set is damaged or lost. C) Ensure all medication is packaged in a **waterproof bag** (zip-lock) and labelled with **your name, the drug name, the drug dose and the expiry date**.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC ADD-ONS Find your program below and bring the listed items.

ADVENTURE ONE CANOE OVERNIGHT / BUTTLE LAKE CANOE / SURVIVAL AND BUSHCRAFT

- A duffle or backpack (all equipment & clothes **must fit**)
- TALL Rubber boots

BURMAN RIVER (OCEAN CANOE)

- A duffle or backpack (all equipment & clothes **must fit**)
- TALL Rubber boots. NO SANDALS ALLOWED - you will cut your feet on sharp barnacles

BREWSTER CANOE CIRCUIT

- 60L backpack with hip belt (all equipment and clothes **must fit** inside & there must be space for group gear)
- Running/hiking shoes (these will be wet all the time)

WHITEWATER KAYAKING OR CANOEING

- A duffle or backpack (all equipment & clothes **must fit**)
 - Neoprene booties / Running shoes (these will be wet all the time)
 - Neoprene/wool socks (these will be wet all the time)
 - Neoprene gloves or pogies
- Optional: Nose plugs with strap and swimming goggles

CAVING

- 60L backpack with hip belt (all equipment and clothes **must fit** inside & there must be space for group gear)
- Work Gloves
- A second headlamp

Essential Gear: Coveralls or old clothes that can be worn over top of other layers to protect them. The caves are muddy and abrasive and these will protect your clothing. Used coveralls can often be found for about 10\$ or old jeans and work long sleeve shirts are a good alternative.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Neoprene gloves can be replaced by fleece lined gardening gloves - they still keep hands warm and offer paddle grip.
Nylon stuff sacks can be substituted with a big enough day bag that could fit a sleeping bag in for example.
2nd Headlamp can be replaced by a small LED flashlight that can be duct taped to a helmet.

SEA KAYAKING

- 3 x 10L Dry Bags (best) OR 10L Nylon Stuff Sacks (ok). These will be used to waterproof your clothing
 - A second rain jacket - one will be used for camp the other will be used as a paddling jacket and will be wet
 - Neoprene booties or running shoes (these will be your paddling shoes and be wet all the time). NO SANDALS ALLOWED - you will cut your feet on sharp barnacles
 - Neoprene/wool socks (these will be wet all the time)
 - Neoprene gloves or pogies
- Optional: Nose plugs with strap, swimming goggles, wetsuit, paddling jacket

Recommended: Rubber boots as oceanside camp shoes

ADVENTURE ONE HIKE OVERNIGHT / BACKPACKING TRIPS

- 60L backpack with hip belt (all equipment and clothes **must fit** inside & there must be space for group gear)
- Mid-weight hiking boots with ankle support - boots must be broken in and waterproof
- Hiking Poles - Adjustable poles recommended
- Gaiters - To keep water, snow, debris out of hiking boots. Recommended April unto June.

ROCK CLIMBING

- A duffle or backpack (all equipment & clothes **must fit**)
- Rock climbing shoes if you already own a pair

MOUNTAIN BIKING

- A duffle or backpack (all equipment & clothes **must fit**)
- 1 pair of shoes for cycling. Flat soled skateboard-style or court shoes are more stable than running shoes.
- 2 plastic grocery shopping bags for waterproofing footwear.
- Biking gloves

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Camera
- Journal and pencil
- Reading material
- Spending money
- Camp pillow (must pack down to the size of a waterbottle)
- Watch

DO NOT BRING

- Electronics
- Narcotics, Alcohol, Cigarettes or Vape Pens
- Cologne or Perfume
- Hair dryers or hair straightening
- Anything requiring electricity

Name: _____

Strathcona Park Lodge Field Trip: Teacher Acknowledgement Form
Grade 8 Mini School Students

Destination/Activity/Program: Strathcona Park Lodge

Dates: September 25th – 29th, 2023

The purpose of this form is to ensure teachers have been made aware of the student's absence on the date(s) stated above. It is the student's responsibility to find out what class work will be missed and to make up that class work.

This form is distributed for Teacher Information only. Please initial the form to indicate that the student has notified you of the above-mentioned activity. Please remember to mark the student absent from class.

PERIOD 1 CLASS: _____
(Teacher Signature)

PERIOD 2 CLASS: Mini Socials 8
(Teacher Signature)

PERIOD 3 CLASS: Mini Science 8
(Teacher Signature)

PERIOD 4 CLASS: _____
(Teacher Signature)

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CLASS (if applicable): _____
(Teacher Signature)

STRATHCONA PARK LODGE ADVENTURE TRIP 2023

Responsibilities of Templeton Mini School students:

- This adventure trip is a school function, all school regulations are in effect at all times.
- Use of alcohol and drugs is not permitted.
- Students will be respectful of all others they interact with, and be supportive of, all fellow classmates and help out where required.
- Students are NOT to be in anyone else's cabin unless given permission by a teacher.
- Group responsibility and common courtesy is expected from all participants.
 - Students will not swear, use bad language or be abusive to others.
 - Students will not be wasteful of food at meal times. Students will take small amounts of foods they are not familiar with and come back for more.
- Students are to remain within the boundaries of the park and follow all SPL rules identified by instructors, teachers, and adult chaperones.
 - Do not cross the road or be on the beach unless accompanied by a Strathcona supervisor, Mini School staff or chaperone.
- Students are to abide by set curfews.
 - 9:30 pm in your room
 - 11:00 pm LIGHTS OUT
- Each student is responsible for the completion of their homework before they return to school.
- Students must come prepared to participate with enthusiasm in their assigned activity.
- Vandalism or wilful destruction of property will not be tolerated.

- **PLEASE NOTE: FOR ANY STUDENT WHO DOES NOT COME PREPARED WITH ALL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THEIR ACTIVITY, A CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR CLOTHING / EQUIPMENT RENTED BY STRATHCONA UP TO \$100.00.**

If any of the above rules are disregarded, students will be dealt with immediately and parents will be called.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Printed)

Name of Student (Printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student

Date

Date

Templeton Secondary
Water-Based Activities Parent/Guardian Field Studies Consent Form
727 Templeton Drive
604-713-8984

Teacher: Mr. Lawrence Admin Signature: _____

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of: Mini School Students Grade/Division: 8M, 10M, 12M

The purpose of this form is to inform you about a proposed field studies involving your child, and to seek your support and permission for your child to participate. Field studies are part of the school program and they provide students with valuable learning experiences. However, should you not wish for your child to participate in this activity, school staff will assign the student other learning activities at the school.

This is an important document. Please review the contents of this Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form carefully prior to providing permission for your child to participate in this excursion. Clarify any questions or concerns with the Lead Teacher BEFORE signing it.

If this form is not signed and returned to the school by September 15th, 2023, your child WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY INFORMATION

DESTINATION/ACTIVITY: Strathcona Park Lodge DATE(S): Sept 25th - 29th, 2023

SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN (Specify program): Hiking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, caving ropes course, rock climbing

PURPOSE OR EDUCATIONAL GOAL(S): Outdoor leadership and environmental engagement

ITINERARY/ACTIVITIES: adventure program (grade 8), specialty program (grades 10 and 12)

METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION: school and chartered bus, ferry BY: Third Wave/Comox Coach and Shuttle/BC Ferries

LEAD TEACHER: Mr. Lawrence TOTAL NO. OF SUPERVISORS PLANNED: 5

SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENTS: 2 teachers, 3 parent supervisors

COST TO THE STUDENT: \$750 WHAT TO BRING: refer to equipment and clothing checklists

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: _____

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS: See Student Responsibilities Form. For students' personal safety, they are expected to listen and adhere to all instructions given by the teacher, volunteer chaperones, and all Strathcona

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

- The board will make every reasonable effort to ensure or ascertain that:
- a. The staff, volunteers and/or service providers involved are suitably trained and qualified.
 - b. The students are adequately supervised over all aspects of the program/activity.
 - c. The location(s) used are appropriate and safe for the activity(ies) and group.
 - d. Equipment used has been inspected and deemed appropriate and safe.
 - e. A Safety Plan is in place to identify and manage known potential risks.
 - f. An Emergency Plan is in place to deal with an injury or illness to any of the students.

POTENTIAL KNOWN RISKS AND SPECIAL SAFETY INFORMATION

The purpose of this section is to detail and reinforce with parents all potential known risks of participation in the field study to ensure parents/guardians are providing informed consent. Safety issues and precautions which have been discussed with students should also be referred to. Students are expected to wear helmets for cycling, rollerblading, downhill skiing, snowboarding, skating, rock climbing, and white-water activities. Students are expected to wear a properly fitted Personal Flotation Device in or around the water when participating in water-based activities other than swimming.

Additional Comments/Requirements: PFDs are provided for each student for water activities and helmets are provided for caving and rock climbing activities.

CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Templeton Secondary
Destination/Activity/Program: Strathcona Park Lodge Dates: Sept. 25 - 29, 2023

While school staff will take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in the nature of this activity, and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school board, its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in this activity, you are agreeing that the activity described above is suitable for your child, and that there is a risk of injury associated with the activity.

- My child has been informed that they are to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service provider's administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity.
- In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require their exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have them picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements.
- I acknowledge that the trip supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services.

I, _____ (Name of parent/guardian) give permission for (Name of student) _____ to participate in the field study described above. I understand that my child may be exposed to a risk of injury due to accident while participating in this activity.

Swimming and water-based activities are sports with physical demands and inherent risks which are beyond the control of school staff. Swimmers and their parents/guardians assume these risks. For the purpose of this outing, my child's swim classification is:
(Select only one) Non-swimmer Swimmer

Date: _____ Name (Please print): _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Numbers: Day _____ Evening _____

Comments (please include any restrictions or limitations which would prevent your child from fully participating in this trip, or any other special concerns which Board staff should be aware of surrounding your child.)

Templeton Secondary
Medical Information For Field Studies

The collection and retention of information requested on this form is authorized and governed by the British Columbia School Act and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

OFF-SITE EXPERIENCE EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

The following information will be helpful to the teacher in making your child's field studies experience comfortable, safe and pleasant. (Please print carefully and legibly)

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Grade/Program: Mini School - Grade 8 Teacher: Mr. Lawrence

Address: _____

BC Medical Services Plan Personal Health No.: _____ Student School Accident Insurance: Yes No

Allergies (e.g., specific drugs, certain foods, insect stings, hay fever) Specify:

Reaction(s) to above? _____

Carries Epi pen? Yes No Inhaler? Yes No Medical Alert Bracelet? Yes No

Date of last Tetanus shot: _____

Medical/physical conditions that may affect participation in the stated program/activity (e.g., recent illness or injury, recent hospitalization or surgery, chronic conditions, phobias, etc.). Be specific:

Specify the condition(s) and requirements for program modification or specific activities your child should not participate in:

Prescribed medication(s) taken at this time (name, reason, dosage, storage, potential side effects/treatment of such):

Other Health/Medical/Dietary Concerns/restrictions:

Emergency Contacts:
1) _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) * _____ (C) _____

2) _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Name of Physician _____ Phone # _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSENT

Parent/Guardian who is filling out and signing this form: _____

Should it become necessary for my child to have medical care, I hereby give the teacher permission to use their best judgment in obtaining the best of such service for my child. I understand that any cost will be my responsibility. I also understand that in the event of illness or accident, I will be notified as soon as possible via the emergency contact information listed above.

Name (please print) _____ Signature _____