



# Journeys School of Teton Science Schools

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August 11, 2011

Dear Journeys School Parents:

Greetings from Coyote Canyon! Summer is nearing the end and Journeys School is ramping up for an incredible 11<sup>th</sup> year. I have spent the summer reflecting on the years past and the years to come. Most poignant, I read a history about a school much like Journeys School, but thirty years older. The veteran (and original) head of school, when asked what to look for in a school, simply stated, "Do the faculty and staff love children?" Underlying the topics of excellence, innovation, and student engagement, this reminded me that every decision should be based on what is best for children. I have often said that I work at schools because I want to change the world. A daunting task, no doubt, but without the children at the forefront, this end goal is impossible.

The campus has been very active with Teton Science Schools' summer education programs. New faculty begin training today and all faculty return this coming Monday to plan for the 2011-12 academic year. We have a big year coming up as we evaluate, practice and refine all of our programs as part of a larger Curriculum Project and Strategic Plan. Some highlights include:

1. Revise our elementary school math program to include the Singapore Approach model.
2. Complete authorization for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program.
3. Graduate our first International Baccalaureate diploma candidates.
4. Begin implementation of our strategic plan (adopted this summer).
5. Complete alignment analysis and documentation of our entire program as part of a curriculum mapping project.

Many faculty have worked on curriculum design over the summer and are eager to start the year. To help the faculty implement the changes in both the Curriculum Project and the Strategic Plan, we are working with a variety of outside providers throughout the year, including:

1. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Design (ASCD)
2. Harcourt Math professional development training
3. Curriculum mapping training
4. Phi Delta Kappa International
5. International Baccalaureate

All of this energy reinforces our four programmatic pillars of academic excellence, extraordinary relationships, place-based education, and global citizenship. Most importantly, our faculty are more engaged than ever to create an extraordinary place of learning for your children.

I look forward to seeing you all again. Contact me at any time if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Nate McClennen  
Head of School



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Get involved with your child's education by attending the following fall events and supporting the Journeys School Annual Fund. Your financial contribution will help complete the Fall Harvest by raising \$523,000 before December 31, 2011.

**New Parent Social** – Friday, August 17 (6-8 PM): New parents are invited to join Journeys School Staff and Parent Council representatives for a fun evening getting to know one another. Light appetizers and drinks will be served. Location: Home of Alex and Joohee Muromcew (please RSVP to online invitation).

**Teton Science Schools Auction** – Saturday, August 20 (2-5 PM): Attend this annual community event to support Teton Science Schools' programs for local students from across Wyoming. Call Maggie Schilling at 307.734.3728 with any questions or to set up a proxy bidder. Raffle ticket sales, live auction program, and information on silent items available at [www.tetonscience.org/auction](http://www.tetonscience.org/auction) - there is truly something for everyone! Location: Jackson Campus.

**New Parent Orientation** – Wednesday, August 29 (9-10 AM): New families should attend this orientation to Teton Science Schools and Journeys School. This is also a chance to get final questions answered before the start of the school year. Childcare provided. Location: Jackson Campus Education Center.

**Family Back to School Day** – Wednesday, August 29 (10 AM-12 PM): All families are invited to engage with faculty for a fun morning preparing the school and getting to know other students. Parents of Pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students must attend with their child. Location: Journeys School.

**Back to School Potluck/Class Meetings** – Thursday, September 1 (5:30-7:30 PM): All families are asked to attend welcome meetings with faculty at each level at 5:30 PM followed by our annual potluck at 6:30 PM. Childcare is provided for all children during the 5:30 PM meeting time. Location: Jackson Campus Dining Lodge.

**Old Bill's Fun Run** – Saturday, September 10 (10 AM): Please participate in this community wide event. Wear your Journeys School t-shirt proudly and donate to Teton Science Schools/Journeys School to support a good cause. Location: Jackson Town Square.

**Grandparents' & Grandfriends' Day** – Friday, September 23 (9:30 AM-12:30 PM): Let your child's grandparents know about this annual event that is open to all grandparents and grandfriends. Great classroom experiences followed by a wonderful lunch will make all grandparents want to attend Journeys School. Please RSVP to 307.733.3729. Location: Journeys School.

**Teton Science Schools Board Meeting** – Thursday, October 27(4:30 PM): Stay up to date on all that is happening at Teton Science Schools. This meeting will be focused on Journeys School. Location: Jackson Campus Education Center.

**Fifth Annual Bunnery Benefit** – Saturday, November 5 (7 AM-3 PM): Thanks to the generosity of the Labbe and Yvernault families, all proceeds from the day will be donated to Journeys School of Teton Science Schools. Join friends for breakfast or lunch at the tastiest fundraiser around! Location: The Bunnery, 130 N Cache, downtown Jackson.

**State of the School Dinner** – Wednesday, November 9 (5:30-7:30 PM): Enjoy a great dinner with friends and hear the current and future vision of Journeys School. Location: Jackson Campus Dining Lodge.

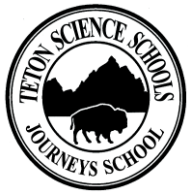
## Journeys School

### 2011-12 Faculty and Staff List

First Name	Last Name	Department	Education
Erin	Smith	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Early Education, University of Vermont
Jessica	Barksdale	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Environmental Education, Warren Wilson College
Charlotte	Davis	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Linguistics, University of Michigan
Emmy	Kean	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Human Services, Elon University
Brittany	Buckley	Pre-Kindergarten	BA, Environmental Studies, St. Lawrence University
Bari	Bucholz	Elementary School	BA, Elementary Education, University of Montana
Shannon	Shuptrine	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Coordinator	BA, English, Lewis and Clark College MA, Education, Antioch College
Jill	Wright	Elementary School	BA, English, University of Alaska MA, Education/Arts, University of Montana
Mandy	Hullander Horne	Elementary School	BA, Human Ecology, The University of Tennessee at Knoxville MS, Child and Family Studies, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Tracy	Mulligan	Elementary School	BA, Journalism, University of Central Florida
Erin	Niebling	Elementary School	BA, Visual Communication Sequence, University of North Carolina MEd, Elementary Education, University of Phoenix
Bridget	Killian	Elementary School	BS, Elementary Education, University of Vermont MEd, Special Education, Florida Gulf Coast University
Kjera	Henrie	Pre-K and Elementary (Spanish)	BA, English and Spanish, Utah State University MEd, Curriculum and Instruction, Lesley College
Sarah Kate	Gessford	Middle School (Science)	BA, Biochemistry, Lewis and Clark College MA, Interdisciplinary Science Education, Montana State University
Tom	Marshall	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Coordinator	BA, History/Political Science, University of Colorado
Margot	Angstrom	Middle School (English)	BA, Biology and Religion, Colgate University MA, Secondary Education, Montana State University
Kate	Schelbe	Middle School (Spanish)	BA, Spanish and Latin American Studies, Emory University
Ethan	Lobdell	High School (Math/Science)	BA, Mathematics/Computer Science, Vassar College
Drew	Overholser	High School (History)	BA, History, Ohio-Wesleyan University MA, American History, Montana State University
Samantha	Smith	High School (Math/Science)	BA, Science Education/Biology, Eastern Carolina University
Shoshana	Kobrin	High School (Spanish)	BA, Liberal Arts/Spanish, Colorado State University

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First Name	Last Name	Department	Education
Cate	Roscoe	Adjunct Middle & High School (Math)	BS, Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz MA, Biology, Humboldt State University
Erin	Gibbons	Adjunct High School (Math)	BS, Architectural Engineering, California Polytechnic State University MS, Structural Mechanics and Materials, Georgia Institute of Technology
Mark	Leichliter	Adjunct High School (English/Philosophy)	BA, English, University of Wyoming MA, English, University of Wyoming
Charlotte	Quesada	Adjunct High School (Spanish)	BA, Latin American Studies, University of Virginia MA, Multicultural Education, Prescott College
Brooke	Littman	Visual Arts/Fine Arts Coordinator	BA, Art Education, The College of New Jersey MA, Art Education, Teachers College, Columbia University
Thomas	Sneed	Performing Arts	BA, Liberal Arts, University of Montana
Travis	Gay	Learning Needs Coordinator	BA, Child Psychology, Hollins College MSW, Walla Walla University
Bartley	Lyles	Adjunct Middle School (Math)	BS, Environmental Biology, Auburn University
Khale	Reno	Physical Education/Activities Coordinator	BA, Sports Medicine and Health Education, Linfield College MEd, Interdisciplinary Studies, Montana State University
Sam	Kitchen	Administrative Assistant/Registrar	BS, Zoology, University of Idaho
Heather	Marks	College Counseling/Alumni Relations	BA, Human Biology, Stanford University MS, Resource Ecology, University of Michigan
Tammie	Van Holland	Admissions/Finance	BFA, Children's Theater, West Virginia University MA, Nonprofit Management, University of Nebraska
Nate	McClennen	Head of School	BA, Biochemistry, Bowdoin College MS, Zoology, University of Wyoming
Betsy	Trowbridge	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coordinator	BA, English, Kenyon College MA, Education, University of California, Berkley
David	Porter	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coordinator	BA, English, University of North Texas MA, Comparative Literature, University of Utah
Siri	Lindquist	Program Intern	BA, English, Kenyon College
Olivia	Wheeler	Program Intern	BA, History, Yale University



# Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

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## Journey's School 2011-2012 High School Student Supply List

As you know, or will quickly learn, our classroom extends well beyond the walls of our building. Each student must come to school ready to be in the field. We have compiled this list so you can be well-prepared for the first day of school. The outdoor gear you already use for recreation will be appropriate for school. Write your name on all of your personal items with permanent black marker!!!

*If you have any questions or concerns about this list, please do not hesitate to call the faculty.*

### Required School Supplies:

- Laptop computer with power cord (see Student and Family Handbook for requirements)
- Lined, white, three-hole punched paper
- One or Two 2" or 3" three-ring binders with tabs—for organizing your class materials
- Texas Instruments graphing calculator: **TI83 or TI83 plus models ONLY** (available at K-Mart/Staples or online) and extra batteries
- Composition notebook of graph paper
- 8.5" x 5.5" Komtrack™ Refillable Journal** (Master's Studio—call 733-9387 for availability)\*
- Colored pencils and/or markers (set of 8-12 colors will suffice) – definitely for IB courses
- No. 2 pencils
- Pens (black and/or blue only)
- Day planner/assignment book (available at Valley Books/Staples)
- Indoor shoes (slippers, flip flops, clogs, etc)—socks are not a safe indoor alternative!
- English-Spanish paperback dictionary (Webster's Concise Spanish Dictionary is recommended)
- Book for personal reading (you should always have one with you!)

### Required everyday outdoor gear: (you will be informed at least one day in advance of needing these at school)

- Back/day pack for gear and school supplies
- 1 one-liter water bottles with screw top lids (Nalgene® or other plastic/stainless steel bottles work fine)
- Sturdy hiking shoes/boots for rain/snow
- Sun glasses with UVA/UVB protection
- 30 + SPF sunscreen
- Hat w/brim (baseball type or full brim)
- Rain Gear: waterproof pants and jacket
- Snow Gear: gloves, winter hat, gators, snow boots, pants and warm layers
- 2 pair of heavy hiking socks (wool is still the best, but synthetics work well too – NO cotton please)

### Other handy optional items:

- One or two dry or canned microwavable meal(s) for that day(s) you forget your lunch
- Mechanical pencils (great for field use)

### If you wish, please contribute some of the following items to be shared by all high school students:

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|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| -Box of tissues | -Sunscreen, 30+ spf      | -Glue Sticks                  |
| -Poster board   | -Hand sanitizer          | -Scissors                     |
| -Hand soap      | -Ream of copy paper      | -Art supplies (pens, pencils) |
| -Band-aids      | -Snacks (pretzels, etc.) |                               |

\* Teachers may have additional requirements for individual classes



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## Journey's High School Non-Backpacking Fall Journey

### REQUIRED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST

#### What NOT to bring:

1. *Weapons of any kind.* This includes guns, knives (including pocket knives-see student guidelines), mace, etc.
2. *Non-prescription medications.* Such medication will be dispensed by Journey's School faculty as necessary. In addition, no prescription medication should be brought or used unless noted on the participant medical form.
3. *Tobacco products, illegal drugs, alcohol.* They are not allowed.
4. *Radios, tape decks, curling irons, hairdryers or other diversions.* Although sometimes desirable at home, these are distracting and inappropriate here.
5. *Personal Food.* Group food has been ordered and will be divided equally among students.

**Parents:** You are responsible for ensuring the above items are not included in your student's pack.

#### What TO bring: (please use checklist to ensure you bring all items)

#### Footwear

- Sturdy, broken-in hiking boots (NO tennis shoes/slip-ons for hiking)
- Camp shoes (to stay dry for evening wear)
- Wool/Polypropylene Socks, 3 pairs (NO COTTON)
- Polypropylene/Synthetic Liner Socks, 2 pairs

#### Upper Clothing Layers

- T-shirt
- Wool Sweater or Fleece Jacket
- Long underwear Top (NO COTTON)
- Raincoat/Waterproof Jacket
- Down vest or jacket (optional)
- Gloves or Mittens
- Fleece/Wool Hat

#### Bottom Clothing Layers

- Fleece or nylon Pants
- Long Underwear Bottoms (NO COTTON)
- Shorts, 1 pair
- Underwear
- Rain pants

#### Required Camping Equipment

- Warm, Lightweight Sleeping Bag
- Thermarest /Closed-Cell Foam Sleeping Pad
- Day pack for hiking big enough to fit lunches, water, and layers
- Non-breakable, Lightweight Bowl/Plate, Cup, Spoon
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or greater)
- Sunglasses
- Baseball cap
- Flashlight/headlamp + extra batteries
- 2 one-liter water bottles or 2 liter Camel-back
- Toiletries (toothbrush, contact solution, etc)
- 2 - 3 pencils
- Field Journal + large Ziploc bag for storage

#### Optional Items

- Reading Materials
- Camera and Film
- Colored Pencils & other art supplies
- Binoculars
- Gaiters



**Journeys High School**  
*Non-Backpacking Fall Journey*

***IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT DETAILS***

Your comfort and safety will depend a great deal on the quality of your equipment. **It need not be expensive. To save additional equipment expense, we encourage you to borrow from friends, the Teton Science Schools, or buy cheaply from Browse and Buy or Army Surplus outlets.**

**Clothing Materials:**

Many different materials are used for cold weather clothing. The oldest - wool - is still one of the best. Other materials, such as polypropylene, capilene, nylon, and fleece are widely used and important for cold weather comfort. Wool and the synthetic materials listed above have the advantage of absorbing very little water when wet, and can keep you much warmer in wet, cold conditions. Long underwear (both top and bottom) made of these synthetic materials are all excellent and preferred.

- Down clothing provides excellent insulation - when it is dry. However, when wet, down mats together and provides little insulation.
- Cotton clothing is fine for around the school, **but is unacceptable when outdoors.** The old adage that **cotton kills** has its roots in the fact that wet cotton has no insulating value and only serves to cool the body more due to evaporation.
- **We believe the best protection from the cold is provided by a three layer combination: an inner layer of polypropylene next to your skin, followed by a thick wool or synthetic jacket, sweater, or pant, followed then by a waterproof outer layer. Of course, more layers can be added if necessary. This system works well for two main reasons: 1) air is trapped in between the layers of clothing, thus providing warmth and, 2) added versatility where layers can be removed to avoid excessive sweating and wet clothing** during periods of high exertion. This system avoids the pitfalls of wearing one thick warm jacket, where a high tendency exists for either overheating when exercising, or for rapid and uncomfortable cooling when the jacket is removed.

**Rain Gear**

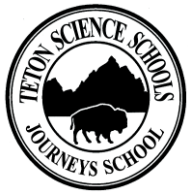
Each student should have a waterproof rain jacket with a hood, and waterproof rain pants. The raincoat should fit over the wool shirt and sweater. The rain pants should fit over your long underwear and heavy pants. These items need not be expensive. Fabrics such as Gore-Tex, Klimate, or simple coated nylon are fine. Plastic, however, is unacceptable. Rain pants and jacket are more effective against wind and rain than a poncho.

**Sleeping Bag**

Your sleeping bag should be a small, lightweight mummy-style backpacking bag that is rated to 20° Fahrenheit. Either down or synthetic fill (polarguard, holofill, etc.) is fine. Synthetic fills are far less expensive, easier to care for, and keep you warm when wet. Bring a nylon stuff sack for your sleeping bag. Make sure your stuffed sleeping bag fits in or on your backpack. Bring a heavy duty garbage bag with which to line your sleeping bag stuff sack.

**Sleeping Pad**

A sleeping pad is essential for insulation against the cold ground. The pad should be no more than three-quarters of an inch in thickness, and at least three-quarters of your body length long. Costs of these pads vary considerably. The closed cell ensolite pad type is inexpensive and effective. Thermarest pads are also good, but expensive.



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## After School Enrichment Program (Grades 3-12)

*Course details will be provided at the end of August*

- **Description:** The After School Enrichment Program is available to all students enrolled at Journey's School in grades 3-12. If space allows, non-Journey's School students will be allowed to enroll in classes. Specific class information will be available three weeks before each session begins. Some classes will meet once per week, some may meet twice per week.
- **Schedule:**
  - Fall classes will meet for nine weeks, September 19<sup>th</sup> through the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Winter classes will meet for nine weeks, January 16<sup>th</sup> through the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>, with no classes the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Spring classes will meet for six weeks, the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> through the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Location and Time:** Classes meet in Journey's School classrooms and will be defined with each offering. Classes will meet from 3:30-5:00pm.
- **Faculty:** Varies based on the class – Specific class information will be available three weeks before each session begins.
- **Cost:** Each nine week session will be \$135 for classes that meet once per week / \$270 if two days per week. Six week sessions will be \$90 for classes that meet once per week / \$180 if two days per week. At this time, tuition assistance aid is not available for the enrichment programs. Extra experiences, such as the Robotics tournament, will have extra costs.
- **Registration:** Students will need to sign up for an entire session; drop-in is not available for the After School Enrichment Program. All classes require a minimum of six students and are limited to a maximum of twelve students.
- **To Register:** Registration will be required no less than one week before each session begins. To register, please contact Sam Kitchen at 307.733.3729 or [sam.kitchen@journeysschool.org](mailto:sam.kitchen@journeysschool.org).



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