



Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

Academic Excellence · Extraordinary Relationships · Place-based Education · Global Citizenship

August 11, 2011

Dear Journey's School Parents:

Greetings from Coyote Canyon! Summer is nearing the end and Journey's School is ramping up for an incredible 11th 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 Journey's 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



People · Nature · Place · Education
700 Coyote Canyon Road • Jackson, Wyoming 83001 • Ph. 307.733.3729
Fax 307.733.3340 • www.journeyschool.org • email: info@journeyschool.org





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 – Wednesday, 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 - there is truly something for everyone! Location: Jackson Campus.

New Parent Orientation – Monday, 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 – Monday, 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 5th 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.

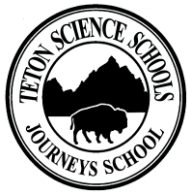
Old Bill's Fun Run – Saturday, September 10 (10 AM): Please participate in this community wide event. Wear your Journeys School t-shirt proudly and donate to Teton Science Schools/Journeys School to support a good cause. Location: Jackson Town Square.

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.



Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

Academic Excellence · Extraordinary Relationships · Place-based Education · Global Citizenship

Middle School Student Supply List, 2011-2012

Welcome to Journey's School! As you know, or will quickly learn, our classroom extends beyond the walls of our building. We will spend time outside and in the community, so each student must come to school prepared to be in the field as well as for classroom learning. We will make every effort to notify you in advance of planned outdoor days. We have compiled this list so you can be well-prepared for the first day of school and the rest of the year. The outdoor gear you already use for recreation will be appropriate for school. For extended journeys, we will send home equipment lists. Returning parents might notice a few changes from last year's list. These changes reflect new plans and initiatives, such as improving and standardizing organizational systems, note-taking and journaling in math, and creating writing portfolios. If you have any questions, please call or email your student's advisor.

Required School Supplies: the following supplies are absolutely necessary for you to have when you begin the year at Journey's School.

- ___ Laptop computer with Microsoft Office & internet capacity
- ___ Comfortable indoor shoes with soles
- ___ Durable accordion folder with at least 5 pockets
- ___ 1 composition lab notebook (this is a hardcover journal-style notebook with grid paper)
- ___ 6 composition notebooks (these are the hardcover notebooks)
- ___ Loose leaf notebook paper (wide rule or college rule, student's choice, keep in accordion folder)
- ___ Graph paper (4 or 5 squares per inch, keep in accordion folder)
- ___ Student planner (for recording assignments)
- ___ Pencils, no. 2 or .07 mm mechanical, pencil bag/box to hold supplies
- ___ Highlighter pen
- ___ 6 glue sticks
- ___ Math 2 and Math 3 students (generally 7th and 8th grade): Graphing calculator manufactured by *Texas Instruments*: **TI 83 or TI 83 Plus** + spare 4 pack AAA batteries (in class demonstrations will use the **TI 83 Plus**)
- ___ Math 1 students (generally 6th grade): Simple calculator for computations (Math 1 students may purchase a graphing calculator, but its special features are not needed for the class)
- ___ Ruler with centimeters and inches
- ___ Protractor
- ___ Geometry compass
- ___ 1 liter water bottle marked with student's name
- ___ 1 day pack for gear and school supplies

Optional School Supplies

- ___ One or two dry, microwavable meal(s) (for that day you forget your lunch!)
- ___ Large eraser
- ___ Colored pencils, crayons or markers
- ___ 3-hole punch (light duty, fits in a notebook)
- ___ Small pencil sharpener
- ___ **1** 1.5-inch or 2-inch three-ring binder

Required Outdoor Gear: we will notify parents and students of outdoor journeys and activities in advance. With this in mind, *students should always come to school prepared to be outside*. This requires the following items:

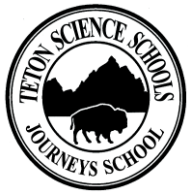
- ___ Sturdy hiking shoes/boots
- ___ Sunglasses with UVA/UVB protection
- ___ 30 or higher SPF sunscreen; lip balm w/ spf of 15 or higher
- ___ Hat w/ brim (baseball type or full brim)
- ___ Raingear: waterproof pants and jacket with hood (or waterproof hat)
- ___ Snow gear: gloves, winter hat, gaiters, snow boots, pants and warm layers (please, no cotton)

Suggested Resources for Home:

- *Write Source 2000: A Guide to Writing, Thinking and Learning* by Patrick Sebranek (available through Amazon)
- Spanish/English dictionary
- World atlas

If you would like to help, please buy 1 (or more) of the following items to be shared by all MS students:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Box of tissues | Flash drives for data storage |
| Bold color thick dry erase markers/erasers | Poster board |
| Band-aids | Hand sanitizer |
| Sunscreen, 30+ spf | Dish rags |
| Ream of computer paper (recycled is preferred) | Sponges |
| Glue: stick, Elmer's, or rubber cement | Crayola washable or Sharpie markers |
| Basic tool kit | Dish soap |
| Thumb tacks | Index cards |
| Construction paper | |



Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

Academic Excellence · Extraordinary Relationships · Place-based Education · Global Citizenship

Re: 2011-2012 Middle School Extended Journeys

August 2011

Dear Parents of Journey's Middle School Students,

This year, the middle school faculty has planned three extended journeys during the school year. Each journey will support our theme of the year, "World Cultures." Our goal is to make each journey as rich in learning experiences as possible, and much of our curriculum at school will prepare students for these trips.

Listed below is pertinent information for each journey. Note that although the dates listed reflect the nights students will be away from home, journeys preparation, activities, and assessments happen throughout the entire week of a journey and are a crucial part of the complete journey experience. Plan ahead and mark your calendars for these exciting, experiential, and exploratory learning adventures!

Date	Location	Lodging	Topic/Theme	Lead Teacher(s)
September 7-9 6 th -8 th grade	Dubois, WY	Car camping	Revolutions	Tom Marshall 734-9862
March 17-22 [^] 8 th grade	Washington, D.C.	4-H Center of Wash. D.C.	Capstone Journey	Kate Schelbe 734-9871 Sarah Kate Gessford 734-9843
March 19-23* 6 th -7 th grade	Teton Valley, ID	TBA	Forces in Opposition	Tom Marshall 734-9862
May 21-24 6 th -7 th grade	Salt Lake City, UT	TBA	Seeking Balance	Kate Schelbe 734-9871
May 22-25 8 th grade	Gros Ventre Mountains	Primitive shelters	Capstone Rite- of-Passage Journey	Margot Angstrom 734-9872 Tom Marshall 734-9862

[^]Subject to change depending on ticket prices and group bookings. We will notify you of exact dates in the fall.

* Two day journey, sometime that week.



People · Nature · Place · Education

700 Coyote Canyon Road · Jackson, Wyoming 83001 · Ph. 307.733.3729
Fax 307.733.3340 · www.journeysschool.org · email: info@journeysschool.org



Logistics

On each extended journey,* students should plan on arriving at school as normal. Students will need to bring a non-microwaveable, field lunch. All other meals will be provided. On the last day of the journey, we will return in time for the afternoon bus and pick-up.* Approximately 2 weeks before each extended journey, a letter including emergency contact information, a packing list, and schedule with specific activities and programs will be sent home with each student and emailed to parents.

* except the Capstone journey to Washington, DC. Departure and arrival times for this extended journey will depend on flights (TBA).

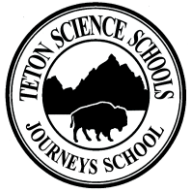
Parent Chaperones

We are putting together a list of parents who are interested in chaperoning during our extended journeys. We ask that chaperones be prepared and willing to participate in all activities, help with meal preparation and clean up, manage student behavior, and spend the night with students in a cabin or car camping. In order to cover room and board expenses, we ask that attending parents pay the same amount as their child. Please let the trip's lead faculty know if you would like to chaperone a particular journey. We will not have parent chaperones on the fall journey to Dubois, Wyoming.

Thank you for your support of these educational and exceedingly memorable journeys. If you have any additional questions, please contact us.

Warm regards,

The Journeys Middle School Faculty



Journeys School of Teton Science Schools

Academic Excellence · Extraordinary Relationships · Place-based Education · Global Citizenship

Re: 2011-2012 Middle School Journey to Dubois

Dear Parents,

This fall, the middle school will go on an extended journey to Dubois, WY. The dates of the journey are Wednesday, September 7 through Friday, September 9. The journey will support this year's theme, "World Cultures" and specifically the fall strand of "Ancient Cultures," as students will explore the Sheepeaters and Tie Hacks who lived in this area, as well as learn early math systems, and be introduced to astronomy. Below are several learning objectives for this first extended journey of the year.

Academic goals:

- Reflect on the life of Tie Hacks and Sheepeaters and the valuable lessons we've learned from them
- Explore the impact of white settlers on the lives of Native Americans
- Explore what the Tie Hacks contributed to the development of the west
- Learn ancient mathematical methods, and how they are still used today
- Learn specific astronomy facts and lessons and use what you learned to teach another person

Community Building goals:

- Make a new friend; include/look out for another student; take care of others
- Contribute to a group activity in a positive way
- Say "yes" to promote a positive community environment

Personal Responsibility goals:

- Set up and take down your tent; keep tent area and personal belongings organized
- Turn on stove and cook meal; clean community dishes after a meal
- Pay attention to your surroundings

Students should plan to bring their packed bags with all of their **gear and clothing to school on Tuesday, September 6th**. We will check the gear and load the trailers on Monday afternoon. On Wednesday, students should arrive at Journeys School at the regular time, 8:15AM. They will need to bring their **day packs and a field lunch** for the first day only. All other meals will be provided. On Friday, we will return from Dubois in time for the afternoon bus and pick-up. **Drop-off and pick-up will be at the lower lot**, where the vans and buses will be parked. Please refer to the schedule below for more information and emergency contact numbers.

Thank you for helping make this journey possible. If you have any additional questions, please contact Tom, the lead teacher for this journey.

Warmest Regards,

The Journeys Middle School Faculty



People · Nature · Place · Education
700 Coyote Canyon Road · Jackson, Wyoming 83001 · Ph. 307.733.3729
Fax 307.733.3340 · www.journeysschool.org · email: info@journeysschool.org



Middle School Journey to Dubois, Wyoming September 7-9, 2011

Tuesday	
AM	Overview of tent setup, cooking, food packing
PM	Improvisation Group Activities
	Advisories meet to set goals, receive Student Journals, and go through personal clothing & equipment.
Wednesday	
AM	Depart for Dubois
	Arrive & set up camp at Teton Valley Ranch
PM	Tie Hack cabin tour & history lesson
	Math of Ancient Cultures lesson
EVE	The Night Sky: An Introduction to Astronomy
Thursday	
AM	Visits to Dubois Museum, National Bighorn Center, Joe Brandl of Absaroka Tannery for Ancient Cultures presentation.
PM	All MS lunch & activity at Torrey and Ring Lake Petroglyphs.
	Service Project at Teton Valley Ranch
EVE	Community Building activities & games
Friday	
AM	Break down camp & pack equipment
	Debrief & Thank You Circle
	Depart for Journeys School
PM	Arrive at Journeys School
	Begin unpacking & cleaning of equipment
	Announcements & Closings

Phone numbers:

Faculty on Journey

Margot Angstrom - 307-690-6474
 Tom Marshall - 207-751-0469
 Sarah Kate Gessford - 307-413-7884
 Kate Schelbe - 307-413-5751

Teton Valley Ranch (lodging)

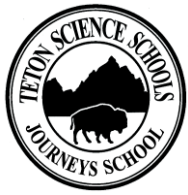
4340 US Highway 26
 Dubois, WY 82513
 Ranch Director: Tom Holland
 Phone (Jackson Office): 307-733-2958

Emergency Numbers

Wyoming State Police: 800-442-9090
 Sheriff in Dubois, WY: 800-967-2302

Journeys School Contacts

School Office - 307-733-3729
 Nate McClennen - 307-413-5654
 307-732-0413 (h)
 307-413-5654 (c)



Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

Academic Excellence · Extraordinary Relationships · Place-based Education · Global Citizenship

Packing List for Dubois Fall Journey

- Backpack or duffel bag LINED WITH A GARBAGE BAG
- Sturdy shoes or light boots – we won't be hiking much, but living outside and needing foot protection
- 2-3 pairs of wool/synthetic socks
- 2 tee shirts
- 1-2 long sleeved shirts
- 1 sweater or fleece
- 1 warm coat
- 1 raincoat
- 1-2 pair of durable pants
- 1 set long underwear top and bottom
- 1 pair rain pants
- Warm winter hat and gloves
- Sleeping bag & pad
- 2-3 pencils
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Plate, cup, utensils
- 2 water bottles
- Brimmed hat
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Toiletries
- Small container of hand sanitizer
- Small day pack
- 1 non-microwaveable Field Lunch for Day 1
- Banned Book for Language Arts class

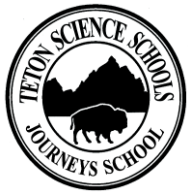
What NOT to bring:

1. *Weapons of any kind.* This includes knives (including pocket knives)
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. *Watches, cellular phones, iPods, etc.* Electronics of any kind are not allowed.
4. *Tobacco products, illegal drugs, alcohol.* They are not allowed.
5. *Extra Food.* Any food can attract unwanted small animals.



People · Nature · Place · Education
700 Coyote Canyon Road · Jackson, Wyoming 83001 · Ph. 307.733.3729
Fax 307.733.3340 · www.journeysschool.org · email: info@journeysschool.org





Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

Academic Excellence · Extraordinary Relationships · Place-based Education · Global Citizenship

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 19th through the week of November 14th.
 - Winter classes will meet for nine weeks, January 16th through the week of March 19th, with no classes the week of February 20th.
 - Spring classes will meet for six weeks, the week of April 16th through the week of May 21st.
- **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.



People · Nature · Place · Education

700 Coyote Canyon Road • Jackson, Wyoming 83001 • Ph. 307.733.3729
Fax 307.733.3340 • www.journeysschool.org • email: info@journeysschool.org



WAIVER AND RELEASE for MINORS

This is a RELEASE of LEGAL RIGHTS - Please READ the Release carefully before signing.

Name _____
(Print Name of Child)

In consideration for my child being permitted to participate in the activities at the Teton Valley Ranch Camp (owned and operated by the TVRC Education Foundation), I agree to the following Waiver and Release:

1. I acknowledge and understand that participation in hiking and other outdoor activities have inherent risks, hazards, and dangers for anyone that cannot be eliminated, particularly in a wilderness environment. I understand that these **risks, hazards, and dangers include the risk of physical injury from:**

- Hiking in rugged country;
- Walking along on creeks and rivers;
- Encounters with wildlife, animals and insects;
- Temperature extremes;
- Altitude;
- Inclement weather conditions and the unavailability of immediate medical attention in case of injury in the wilderness.

2. I fully understand the risks, hazards, and dangers described above and have had the opportunity to discuss them. **I understand that these activities may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge. I believe my child has that good physical conditioning and the degree of skill and knowledge necessary for him/her to engage in these activities safely.** I understand that my child has responsibility to follow any instructions of the TVRC Education Foundation with regard to these activities. My child's participation in these activities is purely voluntary and I have elected to have my child participate in spite of the risks.

3. In consideration for participation in the activities above, and to the extent permitted by law, on behalf of myself and my child, I do hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify the TVRC Education Foundation, its principals, directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all present or future claims, loss or liability for injury which my child may suffer or which my child may be liable to any other person and for any and all claims for damages, costs, fees (including attorneys' fees and costs) which may result from my child's participation in these activities.

4. These terms shall serve as a waiver and release for my child, his/her heirs, estate, executors, administrators, and for all members of my child's family.

Being an adult, I have read the above statement and fully understand the contents, consequences and implications for me and my child by signing this document.

Name of Child Participating in the Activities _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian : _____ Date _____