



Dear Parents,

Great Basin Outdoor School is eager to welcome your children to share an exciting educational experience at Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe. Children love staying in cabins with their friends, hiking on forest trails, performing songs and skits, learning about Lake Tahoe aboard a Coast Guard-approved research boat, and enjoying hands-on discovery in the outdoor classroom.

One teacher who brought her class wrote, "I think they got an appreciation for wildlife, conservation, and scientific process. I think they also got to learn responsibility and accountability for their actions. I thought the naturalists and other adult staff were positive and thoughtful. Their activities were well planned and enthusiastic... I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I know that our children will remember this week for the rest of their lives. Thank you for providing such a positive experience for our kids!"

Adult naturalists teach children in study groups of 12-14 or less. Naturalists pass state and federal background checks and are first aid and CPR certified. They are trained in child safety, positive discipline, and our fun hands-on curriculum. They are college graduates with natural science or teaching background and have experience teaching children in an outdoor setting.

Outdoor school is a unique opportunity for students to learn independence, responsibility, and self-sufficiency. Some students will be away from home for the first time and will be proud of their accomplishments when given room to grow in the physically and emotionally safe environment of outdoor school.

Donations for our scholarship program for children in need are always appreciated. Please consider giving extra or have your business or service organization share a tax-deductible donation.

We are also recruiting responsible high school and college students to receive leadership training and experience volunteering as cabin leaders. See "Cabin Leaders" on our website.

Our website, <http://greatbasin-os.org>, has more information for you. We look forward to sharing Great Basin Outdoor School programs with your children and hope to offer them an enriching, empowering opportunity for academic, social, and personal growth.

Sincerely,

Great Basin Outdoor School Board and Staff

P.S. Please see quotes from children, teachers, and parents on the back.

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What Kids Say About Great Basin Outdoor School:

You will absolutely love the days together, knowledge, wilderness, the people, and everything else!

...there is learning, fun, and the counselors and naturalists treat you like family.

We got a special treat! We learned astronomy!

We learned about igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks.

As we were at camp, we felt that we were always special.

I've never felt like I was smart before, I've always been afraid to answer questions in class, now I know I am smart. Great Basin Outdoor School has been the best thing that has ever happened to me.

From Teachers:

I loved seeing the kids work so well together and become so absorbed in nature activities. They really supported each other.

Our students excelled in science that year academically, and the social benefits of having worked as a team carried on throughout the year.

From a Parent:

He still claims that Great Basin Outdoor School was the best experience he's ever had, and that it has changed his life.