



Grand Teton Yellowstone Adventure

SUMMER 2022

**Registration Open
October 11-20**

**Optional Informational Meeting
October 18
7:00 pm**

<https://cpsk12.zoom.us/j/91468011443>

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**Trip Dates:
May 28 – June 4, June 4-11, June 11-18, June 18-25**

**www.cpsgrandteton.com
Columbia Grand Teton/Yellowstone Adventure**

What Is It?

The Columbia Grand Teton/Yellowstone Adventure is a summer trip developed especially for 6th-12th grade students in Columbia Public Schools. The trip allows students the opportunity to explore the natural world in one of the most biologically diverse and geologically special areas in the United States and World.

The trip allows students to explore science while providing educational opportunities in Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks in partnership with Teton Science Schools. In small field groups accompanied by trained TSS staff and Columbia teachers, students explore the park away from the tourist areas on unique and exciting hiking trails. Hiking is a major part of the trip as students learn about the park while being tested physically on appropriate to skill level hikes. At the Teton Science Schools students participate daily in field work and will also have unique evening program opportunities.

Returning students may join the above trip again (it's never the same) or they may choose to attend the Backcountry Hiking Trip, Sights and Sounds Trip, or Wild Waters Trip. Information on those trips can be found at www.cpsgrandteton.com.

The trip price of \$875 plus 5 hours of student community service includes all lodging, meals, transportation costs, and programming. The trip lasts a full week. To and from Columbia transportation is provided on deluxe motor coach with on-road entertainment, bathrooms, and selected short rest stops for meals. Chaperones for this trip will consist of Columbia Public School staff and they will be joined by an equal number of staff from the Teton Science School.

But Wait, There's More!

As a student, you should enjoy the outdoors and be ready for an exciting social, scientific, and wild experience.

This will be the 10th year the Columbia Public Schools has offered this experience. On year one 77 students joined us and the number soared to 700 in 2019. The trip was cancelled in 2020 and half-sized trips ran in 2021.

Additional information for interested students and parents will be presented at an optional informational meeting **on October 18 or 7:00 pm** <https://cpsk12.zoom.us/j/91468011443> . These meetings will be recorded and posted.

Students and parents can take a look at the postings from this past adventures by visiting the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CpsGrandTeton

Each year the Teton Science School reaches students from every state however, the CPS Science Department is proud to be the largest group in the country attending the Teton Science School! Our trip is also the cheapest due to our size!

Returning for a Second, Third, or Forth Time? OR Are You in High School?

Returning middle school students or any high school student may now choose to experience a Backcountry Hiking, Sights and Sounds, or Wild Waters option run by the CPS Science Department. Please see www.cpsgrandteton.com for more information and registration. Returning middle school students can also choose to repeat the original program.

Sample Itinerary for Grand Teton Adventure

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1		Check in and Load Bus at 3:00 p.m.	Leave Columbia at 4:00 p.m.
Day 2	Travel Breakfast at Wyoming Rest Area	Arrive in Jackson, WY at 2:00 p.m.	Dinner and explore Jackson, WY town square then arrive at Teton Science School at 5:00 p.m. TSS Orientation Move into Cabins
Day 3	8:00 Breakfast 9:15 Field Groups Travel to field destination to study Fire, Glaciers, Ecosystems	Lunch in field Continue field day 4:00 Arrive back at TSS	5:30 Dinner 7:00 Evening Program: Tracking
Day 4	8:00 Breakfast 9:15 Field Groups Travel to field destination to study Wildlife Tracking	Lunch in field Continue Wildlife Tracking 4:00 Arrive back at TSS	5:30 Dinner 7:00 Evening Program: Communication Chaos
Day 5	8:00 Breakfast 9:15 Field Groups Travel to Yellowstone National Park	Lunch in field Tour Old Faithful area and south loop of park.	5:30 Dinner in field 8:30 Arrive back at TSS
Day 6	8:00 Breakfast 9:15 Field Groups Travel to field for Challenge Hike	Lunch in field Canoe Glacial Lake 4:00 Arrive back at TSS	5:30 Dinner 7:00 Evening Program: Crepuscular Creep
Day 7	8:00 Breakfast TSS Closing	Travel	Travel

	10:00 Depart TSS		
Day 8	Travel	Arrive back in Columbia	

Grand Teton/Yellowstone Adventure Application Procedures

We are excited that you are applying for the 2022 Grand Teton/Yellowstone Adventure! If you have any question regarding this application process, please email the Columbia Science Coordinator at mszydowski@cpsk12.org.

Application Deadline & Process

Registration will be open October 11-20. If more students register for any trip than we have spots for, that trip will go into a lottery to select the participants. If any spots remain after October 20 then those will go on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration is electronic. Please go to www.cpsgrandteton.com to register and learn more about the trip. If you need to come into the science office and use a computer, you are very welcome to do so.

Cost

All CPS Science Trips are not for profit. CPS Science does not make any money on the trips and actually charges less than what the trips cost due to donations and other subsidized costs. This keeps our trip costs for the one week program at \$875 plus 5 hours of student community service. While this amount is low for this trip, it is still a lot of money. Therefore, we offer fundraising and solicit scholarship monies each year so that any interested student can attend. Fees cover all aspects of the trip including transportation, food, lodging, and tuition/programming costs.

Deposit Due with Registration

After you register online it is only complete when you make a \$100 deposit payment by the registration deadline. However, your spot is recorded with your registration and held as we wait for your deposit until October 25. You do not have to rush your check to the office during registration as you have until October 25. The deposit is part of your total fees...not an additional fee. If for some reason, **we are not able to accept you** into the trip then your application fee is of course returned. However, if you decide that you no longer wish or cannot go on the trip, your \$100 will not be refunded because your spot will already be reserved.

Payments can be made via credit card, checks, or cash. If paying by cash please do so in person so we can give you an immediate receipt. Checks can be mailed to: CPS Science, 1818 W Worley, Columbia MO 65203. Please make checks out to CPS Science. Please put your student's NAME and ID number in the memo line. Credit card payments accepted at on the Online/Donations section of the CPS Home Page. Please note that a third-party credit card company adds a fee to credit card payments. Also note that the deposit and all payments made towards the trip are not refundable as those payments go towards paying our contracted trip vendors.

Why Community Service?

We know that many parents work hard to send their children on this trip but we also want students to put "some skin into the game". This trip is designed to increase their appreciation for nature while learning about science and the environment. To get that started we are asking each student to provide 5 hours of

community service prior to their trip. We will host some opportunities for doing this or they may do their own community service. While we hope the students will embrace the community service requirement, families can choose to “buy out” the community service by donating \$8 per hour (\$40 total) to the trip scholarship fund to help families that cannot afford this trip. We hope that most choose to do community service.

Registration Website: www.cpsgrandteton.com

Mail checks or bring to: SCIENCE DEPT.
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