



Mountain School Spring 2022

Choose Your Own Adventure

To help students create a connection to the natural world, their community and their peers Mountain School Spring 2022 offers two options to "Choose Your Own Adventure". Our program goals are to promote stewardship, practice observation/inquiry of the natural world, develop a sense of place and connection to local landscapes, and cultivate community in class groups. Whether on the shores of Diablo Lake or in a park near students' schools, our instructors will provide a sense of wonder and fun for students and teachers alike.

OPTION A

<p>Day One (Live Virtual Session) <i>*Held on the Tuesday of your school's visit</i></p>	<p><i>Length: ~60 Minutes</i></p> <p>This virtual session will be hosted live by NCI Mountain School Coordinator or instructors and a North Cascades National Park Ranger.</p> <p>During our session we will engage students in the wonders of our campus and share about the place, the local tribes and the National Park. We will allow students to ask questions about their visit later that week.</p> <p>For the Learning Center visits, a Park Ranger will join us to share information about North Cascades National Park. We allow students to engage in Q&A with the ranger as well.</p>
<p>Day Two (Day Visit at Learning Center) <i>*Held on either Thursday or Friday of same week</i></p>	<p><i>Length: ~ 5 hours</i></p> <p>Once arriving at the Environmental Learning Center we will gather as a large group to discuss our goals for the day.</p> <p>We will then break into trail groups where students will rotate through activities with one NCI instructor. Activities include Deer Creek exploration, adaptation activity with skulls/camouflage and a geology lesson on the shores of Diablo Lake.</p> <p>Trail groups will also engage in games and community building.</p>

OPTION B

<p>Day One (Live Virtual Session) <i>*Held on the Monday of your school's visit</i></p>	<p><i>Length: ~60 Minutes</i></p> <p>This virtual session will be hosted Live by NCI Mountain School Coordinator or instructors.</p> <p>During our session we will engage students in the wonders of our local water systems, and discuss what we will see when visiting Whatcom Falls Park in Bellingham, WA.</p> <p>We hope to engage students to develop a sense of what interest the group has to tailor their visit to the group's curiosities.</p>
<p>Day Two (Day Visit at local park near you) <i>*Held either Tuesday or Wednesday of same week</i></p>	<p><i>Length: ~ 5 hours</i></p> <p>Once arriving at the local park we will break into trail groups and do some community building activities.</p> <p>Groups will rotate through activities including Each One Teach One, Nature Scene Investigators, Web of Life and an adaptation activity with skulls/camouflage.</p> <p>At the end of our time our group will come together to work on a stewardship project geared toward supporting the local park.</p>

If you have questions, please email mountainschool@ncascades.org.