## Streetfront Alternative / Britannia Secondary

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## Manning Prov. Park Camp Trip: September 19th to 21st, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our Outdoor Recreation class this term we will be running our first camp trip for the first time in the 2 years. Overnight field trips are an important part of our school for our ability to engage our students in an immersive experiential way. Establishing healthy boundaries, engaging in meaningful outdoor activities, learning about natural systems and our interaction with them, and building a sense of belonging and meaningful relationships are some of the benefits of our camping trips. Being an Outdoor Ed. class students are marked on attendance, preparedness, teamwork and team care, hard and soft outdoor skills, and a growth in physical fitness.

**Dates & Times:** Tues. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to Thurs. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm, 2023

Locations: Manning Provincial Park (east of Hope, BC) departing and returning from Streetfront

**Transportation:** between Vancouver and the trails will be by the 24-passenger Britannia Support Society bus.

**Food:** Food will be provided by the school.

**Equipment:** Part of being prepared for activities is coming with the items listed on the attached Clothing & Gear List. We will be devoting class time leading up to the trip covering this list and other important pre-trip information. Streetfront has much of these items available for participants to use.

**Educational/Project Objectives:** Streetfront strives to engage our students in a variety of hands-on experiences that enrich and promotes the desire to learn. Students will begin, and continue, to refine their outdoor skills, improve their physical fitness, leadership abilities, and self-confidence. Students will gain understanding in ecology, navigation, natural sciences, and practical application of human physiology in a cold and possibly wet environment.

## Supervision:

We maintain a minimum staff/student ratio of 1:15 but it is typically around 1:7. Students are always supervised with a staff in the lead and sweep positions with numerous headcounts at trail junctions, hazards, or confusing trail sections, and following a break. As it is a co-ed trip, we will have a female staff join us to reflect this. Sleeping arrangements will be based on gender. Socializing in tents of other students is not permitted. There is lots of areas to be social in. While in the group campsite there will some freedom of movement within boundaries outlined by staff when we arrive. Students are not permitted to enter the lake nearby during free time.

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**Emergency Procedure:** In the event of emergency or injury, an injured student will receive first aid from a trained first aid responder, and/or be taken to a clinic or hospital as required. One

Streetfront staff has Advanced Wilderness First Aid certification and a second staff with standard Wilderness First Aid. Student Medical Forms will always be accessible. Staff carry cell phones and an inReach satellite emergency devices and a well-provisioned first aid kit. Our field studies emergency contact number during the field studies is 604.506.9131 – Trevor Stokes (limited to no cell service is expected in some areas of Manning Prov. Park) or Britannia Secondary office at 604.713.8266. We do daily check-ins with the Administration back at Britannia when we have spotty cell coverage.

Costs: \$0

**Expectations:** Students are expected to comply with the School and District Codes of Conduct at school and at all school activities, including field trips. The policy on weapons, intoxicants and bullying continues to apply during field studies. There is also an expectation that all students come to school with their health in mind and communicate with us at any time they are feeling unwell. Sick students should refrain from coming to school feeling sick.

Please return the School Consent Form to staff ASAP.

**Communication:** To keep ourselves as safe and organized as possible we all must strive to have clear communication regarding expectations, attendance, illness, injury, or emotional concerns etc. Communication within the group will be face-to-face adding cell phones and radios for staff. Communication outside the group will happen through cell phones (reception permitting) and our inReach satellite device.

If you have any questions regarding the trip or your child, please contact Streetfront staff at 604.713.8272

Sincerely,

Streetfront staff