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Greetings Advisers –

Thank you so much for registering your students for AWSL's Summer Programs! We are excited once again to offer dynamic, life-changing experiences for students!

The AWSL Summer program staff looks forward to providing students with an enriching learning experience with great excitement and anticipation. Students joining us for our summer programs will be able to develop leadership skills, network with educators and students from around the state, and strengthen their bond as a leadership team heading into the next school year.

Through an interactive camp experience, students learn and practice essential skills such as team building, communication, creative thinking, and leading within their schools. Our AWSL Summer Program staff comprises educators, counselors, administrators, professionals, and college-age role models dedicated to serving our programs and students.

AWSL Summer Programs is a time of adventure and discovery. Although exciting, being away from home may feel like a long time. Our staff is aware of your hesitation and is committed to helping students adjust once they arrive. There are many benefits to attending AWSL Summer Programs. Students leave our programs feeling empowered and confident in their abilities to succeed in all areas of life. Many students experience increased self-esteem, expectations of their future, and the ability to collaborate with others.

Please read the attached Adviser Letter from the session your students will attend.

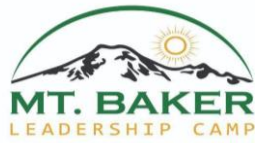
Delegate Registration: The sooner we get delegate registrations in, the better. We know elections, and summer planning, have delayed securing the names of those who will be attending our summer programs. This information supports us in building dorm assignments and meal planning on our campuses. The sooner we can get those in, the better.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations received after May 1 will result in a non-refundable processing fee of \$100 per registered person and applicable transportation costs. 15 days before the start of camp, full charges for camp plus transportation will apply to all cancellations. Same-gender substitutions are allowed up to the day before camp with no fee. Full charges apply for delegates who leave early or do not attend camp. **All cancellations must be received in writing from a school official by the specified date.**

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. We appreciate you and your continued support of AWSL!

AWSL Team Contact Information and Responsibilities:

- James Layman, AWSL Director | james@awsleaders.org
 - Summer Program logistics, operations, and programming
- Greg Barker, WSPEF Managing Director | greg@awsp.org
 - Summer Program reservations and registrations
- Travis Ruther, AWSL Associate Director | travis@awsleaders.org
 - La Cima logistics, and coordination
- Dianne Sympson, AWSL Administrative Assistant | dianne@awsleaders.org
 - Summer Program delegate registration



Greetings Advisors!

We are looking forward to working with your school team at Mt. Baker Leadership Camp 2024. If you have parents that have questions about our staff, our staff consists of teachers, administrators and business leaders from throughout the state. In addition, we will have a nurse on staff and available 24 hours a day.

When arranging camp for your group, you may have questions come up from students or families. Here are some common questions and answer to help you out:

- **What happens if a student becomes sick at camp?**
If a student becomes ill, parents/guardians are responsible for picking them up at camp.
- **What if a student needs to leave early because of a commitment outside of camp?**
Please help us by having your students clear their calendars for the entire week. It is extremely disruptive to everyone when we lose individuals to other commitments and significantly reduces the conference's total educational experience for their council and the camp. (Arrival 11:00 AM, July 18th/departure July 23rd 1:00 PM) If you cannot commit to the entire week, please look for another session that works better this summer.
- **Are there special camp rules we need to know about?**
Please let your students know that usual school rules apply. Drinking, illegal substances, smoking, vaping, weapons, or fighting will not be tolerated. Even though it is summer, clothing worn at camp should be school appropriate.
- **Will they have time to use their cell phones?**
There is no cell service or Wi-Fi available at Cispus. There is only one phone at Cispus for over 250 students to access. There is one phone available at breaks for student use. Please prep your students to be fully present without cell phones for all activities.
- **As an advisor, I would love to come to visit my students. Is the camp open to that?**
Yes! On July 22nd from 8:30-10 am, we have time set aside for team planning. This is a perfect time to arrive. Your students will be able to share all their new ideas and be able to begin pre-planning for the upcoming year with you.
- **I heard something about a scholarship being awarded at camp. Is this true?**
Yes, every year, each leadership camp sends two delegates, who are going to be Juniors or Seniors, to a competitive selection committee for the opportunity to receive the US Senate Youth Program Scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. If you would like to apply, the information and application is on the Mt. Baker portion of the AWSL website (<http://awsleaders.org/baker>). The typed application is due at check-in when arriving at camp. Note: please check the specific applicant criteria; not everyone may apply.
- **What if we have a question or cancellation? Do I email you or whom do I call?**
Please get in touch with the AWSL Office: james@awsleaders.org or (360) 497-5323

We look forward to working with your school group in person this summer to begin our journey. If you have any questions, feel free to email us.

Mt. Baker Leadership Camp Directors,
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Tim Turner tim.turner@rsd.edu



WHAT TO BRING

Please come prepared for:

- Rain and sunshine
- Indoors and outdoors
- Moderate exercise and relaxing moments

Please check the weather forecast for Randle, WA, and bring plenty of layers so you will be comfortable all week.

The dorms contain bunks with plastic-covered twin mattresses and have very few electrical outlets. They all contain an air purifier, individual showers & toilets, and sinks. Here are some items you will want to bring:

- ❑ **Sleeping bag or bed linens and pillow**
- ❑ Bath towel and a hand towel
- ❑ Toiletries: deodorant/antiperspirant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.
- ❑ Casual school-appropriate clothing for 6 days
- ❑ Pajamas
- ❑ Long pants or jeans (We can have cold evenings with mosquitos!)
- ❑ Two or more pairs of comfortable shoes (At least 1 with closed toes)
- ❑ Sweatshirt
- ❑ Warm, water-repellent jacket
- ❑ Personal items (toothbrush, shampoo, etc.)
- ❑ Insect repellent and sunscreen
- ❑ Water bottle
- ❑ One "dressier" outfit for the banquet
- ❑ Pens and pencils (notebook will be provided)
- ❑ Reusable water bottle
- ❑ Camera
- ❑ Flashlight
- ❑ Exercise clothes and shoes (there is an opportunity to exercise before breakfast)
- ❑ Music, instruments, or other performance necessities if you would like to participate in a talent/variety show
- ❑ Money for snacks and camp wear (\$10-\$40)
- ❑ A great idea or project from school or community to share with others

You can receive mail at camp. Mail should be postmarked and sent by July 11th to ensure it arrives on time. Tell friends and family to address correspondence to:

Delegate Name
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