

Calling All
6th Graders

CAMP ORKILA

Educational Adventure

Join the Fun!

Activities:

- ◆ Forest Investigation
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Rope Bridge
- ◆ Beach Exploration



Orcas Island, Washington



Odle Middle
School

Dear Sixth Grade Parents & Guardians:

We are excited to share important information about 6th grade camp! This year we will attend camp from **Wednesday, May 27th through Friday, May 29th, 2026**. Camp provides a unique academic, social, and emotional growth experience where students learn to safely use and preserve our natural environment while working cooperatively in a residential setting.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is 6th Grade Camp?

A 3-day, 2-night experience supplementing our science curriculum. Camp is "school" for the week and designated curriculum for ALL 6th graders.

When is camp?

Wednesday, May 27th - Friday, May 29th, 2026.
Return ~4:00pm Friday.

What do students do?

Outdoor science and team-building classes taught by YMCA staff: Marine & Intertidal Exploration, Forest Ecology, Pond Investigations, Habitat Hike, Rope Bridge Building, Archery, and more!

How much does it cost?

\$325 per student. \$50 deposit due April 3rd. Free/reduced lunch families get reduced payment.

When are forms due?

Mandatory forms due Friday, May 1 to math teacher.
Medications due Friday, May 15 to school nurse.

Where is camp?

Camp Orkila on Orcas Island. Travel via charter buses, WA State ferries, and YMCA buses.

Who supervises my child?

Odle staff and student-counselors from Sammamish and Interlake High Schools, plus YMCA staff.

Family Info Night?

Thursday, March 5th, 6:00-7:00pm at Odle. Camp Orkila director will present and answer questions.

May I attend with my child?

No, limited accommodations. Students experience more growth without parents present.

Where do students sleep?

Gender-separated cabins with high school counselors and frequent teacher monitoring.

Can my child bring a phone?

NO electronics allowed. Calls route through Canada (expensive!). Electronics will be taken away if found.

How do I contact my child?

Emergencies only: Camp Orkila (360) 376-2678 or Odle office (425) 456-6600.

What about medications?

Pink form required with doctor signature. Meds due to nurse by May 15. Students may NOT self-medicate.

Special dietary needs?

Complete white Dietary form. Camp is nut-free. Vegetarian options at every meal.

What should my child bring?

See orange checklist. Pack for warm days & cold evenings. Layers recommended. Sack lunch needed Wed.

More questions?

Email OMScamp@bsd405.org or call Odle office (425) 456-6600.

We hope all 6th graders will attend - it's a unique and memorable experience! More updates coming soon.

Sincerely,

Odle Middle School Camp Team

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