Alpine Backpacking Trip Information:

**TRIP DESCRIPTION**
The two-day Alpine Backpacking Trip at the start of the school year is a Northwest tradition, giving students the chance to wake up in the heart of the Cascade Mountains. We hike 4.5 miles into our camp, carrying everything we need for the night. Once at our destination, we explore the area, appreciate the golden larch trees and alpine plants, and make dinner together. This trip provides the unique opportunity to explore the ecosystems of the alpine wilderness and enjoy the towering views of the surrounding peaks. This trip is open to 6th - 12th grade students who either attended the Oyster Dome Trip or have prior backpacking experience. If your prior backpacking experience is not with the NWS Outdoor Program, please talk with Sophie or Jeremy at the Orientation Meeting.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES – *PLEASE READ CAREFULLY***

To attend trips:

- Students **MUST fill out the Student Sign Up form** – found here: [http://northwestschool.org/our-programs/outdoor-program/information-for-students-families](http://northwestschool.org/our-programs/outdoor-program/information-for-students-families)

- Students **MUST attend 2 meetings in the Feynman Classroom**: on Friday, Sept. 20th from 9:35 – 10:05 and Tuesday, Sept. 24th from 9:35 – 9:45 am
  - Students must communicate with trip leader before the meetings if they cannot make them – failure to do so may result in their removal from the trip roster. Please direct questions to the trip leader (contact info listed on the form below).

- **SPECIAL FOR THIS TRIP:** Students must also sign up for a pack check – we will explain this in the pre-trip meetings.

**WHEN AND WHERE:** Sept. 28-29, Ingalls Pass

**TRANSPORTATION:** NWS Bus

**ITINERARY:** We will depart from school at 7:00 AM on Saturday, Sept. 28th, and we will return to school on Sunday at approximately 6:00 PM. Specific destination will be determined based on conditions the week of the trip. On Saturday we will hike approx. 4.5 miles to campsite, set up camp, and stay overnight. On Sunday morning we will strike camp, explore the surrounding landscape on a short off-trail hike, and then hike out to the bus by early afternoon. Please arrange a prompt pick-up from the school, as a faculty member must remain with the student(s) until they are picked up.

**LODGING:** Backcountry campsite in wilderness area

**SUPERVISION AND CONTACT:** *Trip leader:* Jeremy DeWitt (206-595-4389, Jeremy.dewitt@northwestschool.org)
*Additional faculty:* Sophie Daudon, Nathan Franck

**COST:** $60.00 per person to cover transportation, wilderness fees, and food.