Mt. Baker Igloo Trip Information:

TRIP DESCRIPTION
Come to Mt. Baker and snow camp with The Northwest School Outdoor Program! The focus of this trip will be practicing snow camping in a safe environment. Students are expected to construct and stay in snow shelters on Saturday night. We will return to NWS late Sunday afternoon. Attendance at required classes on winter safety and snow shelter construction will be a prerequisite for participating in this trip – see dates below. Likewise, previous participation (preferably within the last year) with the NWS Outdoor Program is expected.

Deadline for permissions slip/fee is Jan. 9, 2019

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 3 meetings during and after school in the Feynman Classroom
  - **DURING SCHOOL:** Thursday, Jan. 9th from 9:35 – 9:35 am
  - **AFTER SCHOOL:** Thursday, Jan. 16th from 3:35 – 4:30 pm
  - **DURING SCHOOL:** Thursday, Jan 23rd from 9:35 – 9:45 am
    - Students must communicate with Herb ([herb.bergamini@northwestschool.org](mailto:herb.bergamini@northwestschool.org)) 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).
    - **Topics will include:**
      - Hypothermia: signs, symptoms, and prevention.
      - Snow shelter construction techniques.
      - Equipment and packing seminar.

- **ADDITIONAL NOTES ON ROSTER:**
  SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO ABOUT 27 STUDENTS. In order to avoid the “gold rush” mentality which “first come means first registered,” we will continue the plan of looking carefully at our pool of interested students and then, as thoughtfully as possible, building a roster of participants and a “waiting pool” of possible replacements. We are looking for a mix of experience and grade levels. Thus, previous experience and participation with NWS Outdoor Program trips can make a difference in whether you get a spot on the roster. Students in the waiting pool should attend all the mandatory meetings because spaces always open up on the trip.

**WHEN AND WHERE:** Jan. 24th – 26th, Mt. Baker Lodge

**TRANSPORTATION:** Bus
ITINERARY: We will depart from school at 2:10 PM on Jan. 24th. We will drive to the Mt. Baker Lodge, stopping for groceries along the way. At the lodge, we will build and sleep in snow shelters, as well as sledding. We will return to school by 4 pm on Sunday, Jan 26th. 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: We will be sharing the space/meals/chores at the Mt Baker Mountaineers Lodge with Seattle Girls School. Students will be expected to sign up and partake in meal preparation and other duties/chores at the Mountaineer Lodge.

SUPERVISION AND CONTACT: Herb Bergamini (herb.bergamini@northwestschool.org) 206 – 218 - 3835 Additional faculty: Nathan Franck, Maddy Huggins, Richard Ha, Jeremy Scheurer, Elizabeth Weber-Bruya.

COST: $150. This fee covers transportation, all meals/food and lodging and should be payable online to the school.