



Important Dates:

**Information Meeting: Wednesday
January 25 10:00 -11:00 in Portable
Room 403**

**Paperwork and deposit must be turned
in to the office by Friday January 27
Islandwood—May 14-17, 2012**

Check out their website at <http://www.islandwood.org>

Attention All 4th - 7th Grade Students

Have you ever held a tiny tree frog? Observed fish through a glass-bottomed boat? Sat atop a 110-foot tree fort and studied a 150-year-old tree...from the top down? Or listened for owls hooting in the night? At IslandWood, you'll be on your feet, on the water, and on alert as you travel across a 255-acre natural habitat, collecting data on animals, insects, plants and fish, climbing tree houses, creating artwork, and much, much more. Not to mention staying in really cool, state-of-the-art lodges (designed by the folks who did the REI stores), and eating incredible food (ex-Canlis head chef designed the menu!).

Islandwood is an overnight environmental camp on Bainbridge Island. The Family Learning Center is the only school in the LWSD scheduled for this wonderful opportunity. This will be our eighth trip and the folks who went previous years will testify to what an amazing time we have had.

On Monday May 14th we will load on a bus and leave for a 4 day 3 night stay at the IslandWood facility on Bainbridge Island. We will have 2 teachers from FLC accompany the students as well as an additional 3-4 parent chaperones. (If you are interested in being a chaperone, please fill out an application available either in the office or I can email you one). All classes and field experiences will be led by the multi-talented Islandwood staff. Field instructors are graduate students from U of W.

We will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday January 25 from 10:00-11:00 to answer all your questions (if you can't make it, call Laura Pratt and we can set up a meeting). There is also a great web site - <http://www.islandwood.org>.

Costs:

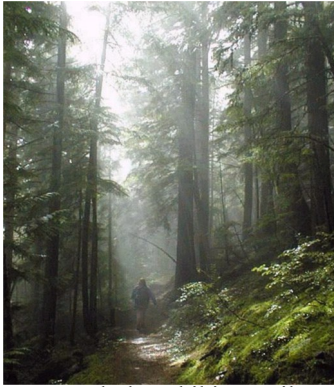
The cost per student to Islandwood is \$450, but with grants and donations this has been reduced to **\$265!** Due to budget constraints, the remainder will be the responsibility of the individual families. To reserve a spot, you must submit a \$100 deposit by Friday January 27. There are only 15 spots remaining, and we will take students on a first-come first-serve basis (though we will prioritize 4-6 grade students, and take 7th graders if space is available), so don't wait too long! If you have already put down your deposit, then you are guaranteed a spot.

What will you do there?

Hike through forested trails (and sometimes off trails!), explore a four-acre pond aboard the floating laboratory, go on a night hike (with no flashlights!), sway forty feet above a ravine on a suspension bridge, eat really great food, create amazing environmental projects in the art building made from hay bales, explore a spooky old cemetery, sit around a bonfire and play jeopardy, sit around the fireplace in one of the three extremely cool lodges and journal, play games, read, or simply gaze at the beautiful forest while rocking on the porch.

DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY!

Contact Laura Pratt at lpratt@lwsd.org or call 425 926-2311



Fabulous hiking trails



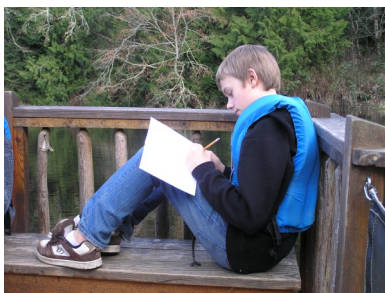
Sleeping Lodge



Building new friendships



Student Room in Lodge



Journaling on the floating lab



Working the teams course - in the dark!



State-of-the-art science lab



The Dining Hall—one of our favorite places!



The suspension bridge doesn't scare them!



Getting there on the ferry is half the fun!



Wonderful Blakely Harbor