

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY EXPLORERS



5th Grade Science Camp at ECOS Institute

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

We are excited to announce that our fifth graders will have the opportunity to attend Science Camp at the ECOS Institute this year! This memorable outdoor experience allows students to deepen their understanding of nature, build independence, and create lasting friendships beyond the classroom.

Please review the information below carefully, as your response will help us plan and secure reservations. There are important links below. While we currently have dates and spots reserved, we may adjust the schedule or location if needed based on student interest and availability. No student will be denied the opportunity to attend Science Camp due to financial hardship.

All students are welcome to participate, and your support helps us ensure this opportunity is available for every fifth grader. If we are unable to raise enough funds to cover science camp, we will use the funds for an alternate science experience.

Camp Details

- **Dates:** March 3 – March 6, 2026
 - **Location:** Camp ECOS in the San Bernardino Mountains
 - **Duration:** Three nights
 - **Program Highlights:** Hands-on science lessons about ecology, geology, and astronomy; hiking; wildlife observation; night stargazing; and team-building activities
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Reservation Commitment

To ensure accurate planning with the camp, we need to know which students plan to attend. Please discuss this opportunity as a family before submitting your commitment.

- Families must complete the **Science Camp Reservation Form** by **Friday, October 17th, 2025**.
 - Selecting “Yes, my child will attend” on the form is a commitment. Each “yes” requires donation, regardless of later changes.
 - Please commit only if you are sure your child will participate.
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Cost and Payment Information

- The total cost of Science Camp is **\$444.60per student**.
 - Bus Transportation will be between **\$100-\$120** depending on the number of students attending.
 - To reserve a spot, an initial donation of **\$250** is requested by **November 21, 2025** (or any amount you are able to contribute at this time). The remaining balance is due by **February 13th, 2026**.
 - All funds go directly toward camp costs, including lodging, meals, and programming.
 - We encourage families to contribute the full amount. Additional donations to support scholarships for families in need are warmly welcomed.
 - No student will be denied participation due to financial hardship. Please contact us if you require assistance.
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Next Steps

1. Complete the **Science Camp Registration Form** by **October 17th**. Every family should submit a response, whether “yes” or “no.”
2. Submit your initial deposit/donation to the front office during the week of **November 17th**.

Only checks or money orders made out to RBUSD will be accepted.
3. Both steps are required to secure your child’s spot. Late responses may be waitlisted.

If you have any questions about Science Camp, please email ggregory@rbusd.org.

We look forward to this incredible opportunity for our fifth graders to learn, grow, and explore together. Thank you for your support in making Science Camp possible!

Warmly,

Garry Gregory

Additional Resources

- [Parent Guide \(English\)](#)
- [Parent Guide \(Spanish\)](#)
- [ECOS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS - ENGLISH](#)
- [ECOS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS - SPANISH](#)
- [ECOS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS - VIET](#)
- [ECOS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS - CHINESE \(SIMPLIFIED\).pdf](#)
- [ECOS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS - KOREAN](#)
- **Parent Virtual Meeting:** October 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM [Zoom Link](#)