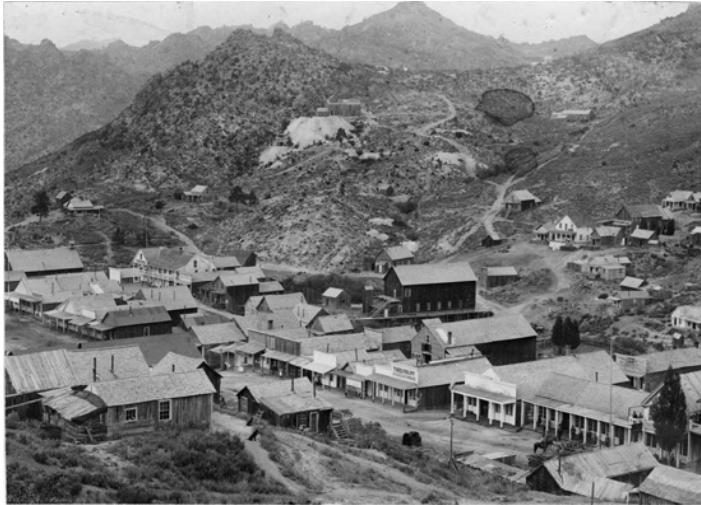




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Sage Expeditions is so excited to announce this year's first elementary-aged expedition! Read below for details and information on how to sign your 4th or 5th grader up for this opportunity!

#### **Trip Details**

We will be taking 12 4th and 5th grade students on a Halloween-themed day of exploration in the ghost town of Silver City! This day will be filled with a history lesson of the abandoned mining town, short hikes around Silver City, and a fun Halloween-themed picnic.

*\*Please note the road to Silver City is a gravel road through the Owyhees. In the case there is precipitation in the week leading up to or during the day of this expedition an alternative location will be selected to avoid impassable slick roads.*

#### **Dates**

October 24th, 2025

#### **Cost**

The cost per student is \$30.

#### **Faculty**

Christina Pak- Sage Middleton PYP Teacher, Experienced trip leader, WFA Certified

Yoanna Borroso- Sage Middleton PYP Teacher

#### **Transportation**

We will be taking a school vehicle traveling for the roundtrip from Sage International to Silver City.

#### **Planned Itinerary**

07:45- Drop off at Sage Middleton

08:00- Depart Middleton

10:00- Arrive @ Silver City

10:00- Safety talk

10:15- Explore Silver City, hike to cemeteries (2-3 miles)

12:00- Spooky lunch!!

13:00- Continue exploring Silver City

14:00- Load bus and depart Silver City

16:00- Arrive back at Sage Middleton for pick up

#### **Hazards**

Wolf-Probability of a wolf sighting is low. To further mitigate the risk of a wildlife incident, the group will be traveling as one for the entire expedition.

Coyote-Probability of coyote sightings is low. To further mitigate the risk of a wildlife incident, the group will be traveling as one for the entire expedition.

Cougar- Probability of a cougar sighting is low. We will always stay in our group and make lots of noise to prevent run in with cougars

Rattlesnake- At this time of year and with cooler temperatures, we do not expect to see rattlesnakes. In case of a warmer day, we will teach students how to ID where rattlesnakes like to hang out, how to avoid them, and what to do in case of a sighting.

Poison Oak- we will teach students how to identify and avoid this plant

## **Safety**

### **Experienced Faculty**

Christina Pak is an experienced outdoor leader as well as trained in wilderness aid capable of safely handling any first aid or emergency situations. She is a licensed CDL driver and experienced in driving and transporting students in the school vehicle.

### **Communication**

The group will be equipped with cell phones to communicate with the person of contact (POC) as well as a satellite communication device for when traveling in areas without cell service. In the case of an emergency the trip leader will inform the POC who will contact families.

### **First Aid**

Wilderness first aid kits will be with our trained faculty at all times. These kits do not contain epinephrine or antivenin.

### **Medical Facilities**

The nearest emergency department is [St. Alphonsus of Nampa](#), an hour and a half drive from Silver City.

## **Physical Demands**

Students will need to be capable of hiking/walking between 2-3 miles over the course of 3 hours of exploration.

## Packing List

Average weather in Silver City this time of year ranges from a high of 57 to lows of 36. Please ensure your student is prepared for changing weather conditions with layers and a waterproof jacket!

| Required                                         | Optional<br>(but nice to have)                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Clothing (including what you are wearing)</b> |                                               |
| Long pants                                       | Ball Cap or sun hat                           |
| Boots or Hiking Shoes                            | Bandana                                       |
| Long-sleeve shirt                                | Halloween costume or other fun dress up items |
| Lightweight wool or Fleece Top (1 or 2)          |                                               |
| Warm Hat (for cooler seasons)                    |                                               |
| Warm socks                                       |                                               |
| Lightweight rain jacket                          |                                               |
| Light gloves                                     |                                               |
| <b>Equipment</b>                                 |                                               |
| Lunch!                                           | Compass                                       |
| Day pack (backpack)                              | Maps                                          |
| Water Bottles or CamelBak (2 liter capacity)     | Binoculars                                    |
| Sunglasses                                       |                                               |
| Journal + Writing Utensil                        |                                               |
| <b>☹ Don't Bring ☹</b>                           |                                               |
| Electronics (on the hiking part)                 | Cook Gear or Stoves (will be provided)        |
| Bulky, heavy cotton clothing                     | Pocket Knife or hatchet                       |

## Requirements for Participation

- ☐ Classroom teacher confirm student is showing academic growth and positive attitude in the classroom
- ☐ Acquires all required materials
- \*\* Sage Expeditions has a great gear cache to loan materials to those in need!
- ☐ Student has mental and physical stamina to hike around 2-3 miles
- ☐ Has transportation to and from Sage for drop off and pick up
- ☐ Has filled out all forms and paid required amount by the designated date on registration forms
- ☐ Student has a good attitude about physical activity and being in the outdoor spaces

**If your 4th or 5th grader is interested in joining us on this expedition please click the link below to enter them in our Lottery. The lottery sign ups will close on **Thursday October 2nd at 8:00 am****

**[Silver City Lottery Form](#)**