

CRESTFIELD

COVE PROGRAM

CRESTFIELD OUTDOOR VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Crestfield is offering a Virtual option for school this fall!

COVE- Crestfield Outdoor Virtual Education

As the Slippery Rock School District release their plans for the fall during these strange and challenging times, Crestfield is considering ways that we can support families. We recognize that many families are uncertain about sending their children back to a full-time indoor school environment, but staying home with your children may not be an option for every family. While we understand that the local school administrators and leaders are working hard to provide a safe environment for children, we know there is not a “one size fits all” solution during these uncertain times.

With the availability of our outdoor space and facilities this fall, we are expanding our Crestfield programs to incorporate a daytime option for grades K-8th during the fall semester. Registration will begin Friday July 31st.

Crestfield is offering families the option of registering their children to participate in COVE, small groups of 10 or less students, in socially distanced activities, with a study hall time of schoolwork to be done, and plenty of outdoor time. Students will spend part of the day time in an outdoor, open air environment, participation in camp activities and engaging in self-led nature exploration with staff acting as facilitators of learning. Students will also be given two designated times per day to spend on schoolwork or other quiet individual activities such as reading or drawing.

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Frequently asked questions:

How does the registration process work?

Similarly to registering for a week of camp, our School program will have an online registration. You can choose your weeks based on your schedule. You will complete an online health form and receive additional information about the program via email.

Can we take a tour and meet staff?

We will do our best to accommodate tour requests. We are currently running our day camp program but we can schedule tours as we are available. Call our office at 724-794-4022 and we'll work with you.

How will the program work with mask and social distancing requirements?

The health and safety of children, Crestfield staff and their families is critical. Our program will necessitate social distancing and all of our staff will be required to wear masks according to the directive set by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Further, children over the age of 10 would be required to wear masks when appropriate. Children under the age of 10 that can appropriately wear masks will be encouraged to do so.

What are the age ranges for this program?

This program will be for ages 6-14. Children should be able to read and access their online school assignments fairly independently. Staff will be there to assist but not be able to give direct one-on-one attention for prolonged periods of time.

Will students be able to complete online school assignments?

We will provide two "study hall" time periods, in which students can work on school assignments. We will provide internet access to allow for virtual work to be done; students must bring their own devices. Students will need to be self-directed and work independently and be responsible for their work. Staff will be present and available to help them with technical support of their devices, answer basic questions, and ensure students stay on tasks.

If they do not have schoolwork to complete, students may also bring materials for other quiet individual activities for study hall time periods, such as reading or drawing.

What are the goals and objectives for the program?

Our goal for this program is to help children expand their independence, strengthen their sense of identity, develop interpersonal skills and interact with the natural environment. While we expect that many children will be able to finish their online school assignments during the study hall portions of the day, we will not be providing schooling instruction.

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What are the days and hours for the program?

There are 3 attendance options-

5 days a week Monday - Friday

3 days a week Monday- Wednesday or Wednesday- Friday

2 days a week Monday & Tuesday or Thursday & Friday.

Drop off will be between 8:00-8:30am each morning and pick up will be between 2:45-3:15pm.

When will this program start and what breaks will you take?

We will begin the same day Slippery Rock Schools start, which is to be announced soon. Our plan will be to follow holidays and breaks from the Slippery Rock School District schedule.

Will Crestfield provide meals and snacks?

Lunches will not be provided. Students would need to bring a packed lunch. Snacks will be available for purchase but students are welcome to pack a snack as well.

What will the student need to bring each day?

Students will bring appropriate clothing and shoes for outside play, a lunch, reusable water bottle, laptop or personal devices for schoolwork, and any school assignments.

Where will this program be housed?

The outdoor activities would be held throughout the Crestfield campus and grounds. The inside activities would be held in our dining hall, rec hall, art cabin, and conference spaces.

How many students will be enrolled?

Each group will consist of up to 10 children and 1 instructor. The groups will be independent of each other and will not share space with any other group throughout the day.

Would the students be all together throughout the day?

No, students would be assigned to a small group of 10 or fewer students.

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What would this cost?

5 days a week Monday – Friday: \$150

3 days a week Monday – Wednesday or Wednesday – Friday: \$120

2 days a week Monday & Tuesday or Thursday & Friday: \$80

What would a daily schedule look like?

We are currently working on how this program would take shape, but at this point we imagine a day to look like this:

8:00-8:30am – wellness screening and drop off

8:30-10:30am – Study Hall (designated time for homework or quiet activities)

10:30-11:30am – Outdoor play/activity time

11:30-12:15 – Lunch

12:15-2:15pm – Study Hall (designated time for homework or quiet activities)

2:15-2:45pm – Outdoor play/activity time

2:45-3:15pm – Pick Up Time

Can you guarantee that my child will get all their school work completed during your program?

We cannot guarantee that the students will complete all assignments. Much of this depends on their efforts, the amount of work assigned, and the schedule for the day. Our intention is that each child will be given a good amount of time through our “study hall” periods to do their work and some assistance but we cannot guarantee completion.

What happens if the Butler County Schools close?

We expect we would be able to stay open unless we are directed to close by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

What happens if someone within the Crestfield Virtual School program tests positive of COVID-19?

We would communicate the situation with families and work with the PA Department of Health to determine the best course of action.