

Fieldwork Contribution Request 2010-11

Powerful learning experiences...

result when we go beyond the classroom walls and immerse students in real world contexts, where adventure, and experts drive students to achieve more than they thought themselves capable of.

They happen often at REALMS...

because we believe strongly in the power of real experiences as drivers of learning for students. Active learning, service learning, and environmental stewardship are all core components of the REALMS mission.

And, they require additional funding...

this kind of learning requires careful planning, small staff-student ratios, extra equipment, transportation, and, of course, money. Your fieldwork fees help make this possible.

What your fieldwork contribution "covers"...

- 2 night Confluence Overnight - Suttle Lake Camp
- 2 to 3 night Winter Trip - destination varies based on curriculum
- 2 to 3 night Spring Trip - this year's 6th and 7th grade trip will be to Portland
- Travel Study for 8th grade
- Ropes Course and other "adventure based" learning experiences
- Friday afternoon elective programs
- Multiple service learning activities and other curriculum based day trips

Financial Realities

The combined budget for all these fieldwork experiences for the 2010-11 fiscal year is expected to be approximately \$50,000 including food, staffing, logistics planning, transportation, fees etc.

If **EVERY** REALMS family pays the full fieldwork contribution amount we generate \$14,000, or just under one third of the cost of running a strong fieldwork program at REALMS for all grades. The remaining \$36,000 comes out of our operating budget and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Family Fieldwork Contribution Payment Slip

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

We are enclosing full payment now:

- \$175 Fieldwork & Activity Fee for 8th Grade**
- \$100 Fieldwork & Activity Fee for 6th & 7th Grade**
- \$_____ as a donation to the scholarship fund for other families in need.**

We are opting for a payment plan:

- \$_____ for the 1st semester, payable in August 2010**
- and the remaining \$_____ for 2nd semester, payable in January 2011**

We are completing the scholarship form (please attach and send in to our office)

Please enclose this form with your payment. Make checks payable to REALMS.

REALMS Scholarship Program

REALMS is committed to keeping all of our programs affordable for ALL students. Fieldwork opportunities, electives, after school programs are very important parts of our educational program.

To provide these programs we rely on contributions from families. HOWEVER, we do not want any student to be excluded from participation because of financial need.

If you need to apply for a scholarship at this time for either the fieldwork fee or after school program fees, please complete the form below and REALMS will seek to cover the costs of participation!

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Number of Children in Household: _____

Other dependents living in household: _____

Does your student qualify for free or reduced lunch price? YES NO
___ Free? ___ Reduced price?

We are applying for a scholarship to cover the:

fieldwork contribution: _____

after school program fees: _____

Estimate of Need:

\$ _____ amount family can pay

\$ _____ amount student can pay

\$ _____ total from previous 2 lines

\$ _____ total scholarship requested from REALMS

Please briefly describe why you are applying for a scholarship, including any unusual expenses or circumstances, and any information that did not fit on this form, but you feel we should know.
