



Canoe Island French Camp for Charlemagne Elementary

About Canoe Island French Camp

Canoe Island French Camp is a fully functioning, private camp located on a 47-acre island (Canoe Island) in the San Juan islands in Washington State. Visit their website at www.canoeisland.org.

Canoe Island French Camp provides children and families with a superior camp experience through the study of language and cultures of francophone regions, traditional camp activities, and the investigation of the natural and cultural history of Canoe Island and the Salish Sea, all in a nurturing and beautiful natural environment. CIFIC empowers campers to become their best selves and caring and committed members of both the San Juan Island community and the world.

About the 5th grade trip

For years, Charlemagne students culminated their elementary years with a trip to Quebec City. While this was an amazing experience for all who attended, the cost became prohibitive for many. Parents began to look for less expensive options closer to home that still provided an authentic French experience. Canoe Island French camp quickly became the obvious choice.

For the past five years, the 5th grade class has begun the school year by attending a special five-day session at Canoe Island French Immersion Camp. It's Outdoor School, but in FRENCH! It really is an amazing experience for our kids. They get to spend the first days of the school year together immersed in French while bonding through shared outdoor experiences.

Our class has the camp to themselves during the days they are there. The Canoe Island staff work in conjunction with our 5th grade teachers to provide our students with a private camp experience. Parent volunteers help with activities during the day and sleep in tipis with the kids at night.

Lodging is in canvas tipis, on wooden platforms with beds, mattresses, electricity and wooden storage boxes. See the attached page for a sample camp day schedule.

Transportation is from Charlemagne School, via charter bus to Orcas Island, where the kids take the Washington State Ferry transport to Orcas Island, and then another transport ferry to Canoe Island.

Registration and payment

To register your child for the trip, please complete all forms in this packet and return to the PTO box by 4/30/18. Include payment to Charlemagne PTO for \$30 per child.