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Dear Chaperone,

Welcome and greetings from Jackson Hole, Wyoming! We're excited that your child will be joining us at the Jackson Campus of Teton Science Schools. We look forward to sharing the natural world of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem with your child!

At Teton Science Schools, we require that all participants show respect to self, others and the environment; share equally in group responsibilities; perform equally to their academic ability; possess no weapons of any kind; abstain from using alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco in any form; exhibit no violent behavior, chronic misbehavior, or actions that result in an unsafe situation; abstain from intimate or exclusive relationships; and use digital cameras appropriately and respectfully. Failure to maintain these standards will result in dismissal from Teton Science Schools' programming and forfeiture of tuition.

To all those group leaders bringing participants aged 16-18, and to all those families of participants aged 16-18, please read the following short instructions. Before coming to TSS, parents/guardians should review our electronic forms together with their 16-18 year old participant. Parents/guardians should sign these forms electronically. Upon arrival to TSS, participants will sign hard copies of the same form.

Enclosed is a packet of information that will assist you in preparing for your child's program. For more information, please contact your group's leader.

Kind regards,

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Teton Science Schools inspires curiosity, engagement and leadership through transformative place-based education.

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Pillars of Field Education and Outreach

Teton Science Schools customizes field science experiences for students of all ages. We are committed to collaborating with school and group leaders to facilitate learning that integrates multiple disciplines, school standards and the Pillars of Field Education and Outreach. Our programs are designed to fit into a greater context of learning in home communities.

CONNECTION TO PLACE

What: Inspire curiosity, wonder and understanding for place.

How: Explore social, economic and ecological systems of place through interdisciplinary observation, study, expression and reflection.

Why: Motivate an awareness, appreciation and stewardship for local and global place.

FIELD SCIENCE PRACTICES

What: Understand natural systems and processes.

How: Apply the scientific process in conducting field research and critically examine ecological issues from multiple perspectives.

Why: Build scientific literacy to inform personal decision making in social, economic and ecological systems of place.

LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY

What: Engage individuals and self in the development of community.

How: Develop community skills and self-awareness through immersion and mentorship in authentic leadership roles.

Why: Gain a greater sense of self, work constructively with others and take initiative to influence place.



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Getting to Jackson Hole, WY

By Air: Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) is 30 minutes from our campus and is serviced by American, Delta, Skywest and United. You may also want to check rates and availability through Salt Lake City, Utah (a five hour drive to Jackson) or Idaho Falls, Idaho (two hour drive to Jackson).

Car Rental: If you plan on renting a car before, during or after the program, Avis/Budget, Enterprise and Hertz are available at the Jackson Hole airport. We recommend you make your car rental reservation in advance of the program.

Shuttles: Teton Science Schools can provide transportation to and from the Jackson Hole Airport or the Idaho Falls Airport. Transportation arrangements must be made in advance; there is an additional charge for airport transportation, which will appear on your contract.

By Car or Bus: If you are driving to Jackson, there is free parking at the campus.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE JACKSON CAMPUS

From the north:

Follow HWY 89/191 south to the Jackson Town Square. Turn right at the square onto Broadway. Continue 1.5 miles on Broadway to the US 89/191 and HWY 22 intersection (Albertsons & Wells Fargo on your left). Turn right onto HWY 22. Head west on HWY 22 for approx. 1.7 miles. Watch for the Teton Science Schools sign on the right at Coyote Canyon Road. Turn right onto Coyote Canyon Road. Follow Coyote Canyon Road 0.6 miles to the Jackson Campus.

From the south:

Follow HWY 89/191 north to the US 89/191 and HWY 22 intersection (Albertsons on your right side). Turn left at the light onto HWY 22. Proceed on HWY 22 for approx. 1.7 miles. Watch for the Teton Science Schools sign on the right at Coyote Canyon Road. Turn right on Coyote Canyon Road and follow it 0.6 miles to the Jackson Campus.

From the west:

Follow HWY 22 (from Teton Pass) east to the town of Wilson. Stay on HWY 22. You will reach the HWY 390 junction after approx. 1.5 miles. Continue on HWY 22. Travel approx. 2.4 miles past the HWY 390 junction. Watch for the Teton Science Schools sign on the left at Coyote Canyon Road. Turn left onto Coyote Canyon Road and follow it 0.6 miles to the Jackson Campus.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCES TO THE JACKSON CAMPUS:

From the North:

Moran Junction35 miles
Moose Junction 15 miles
Airport 13 miles

From the South:

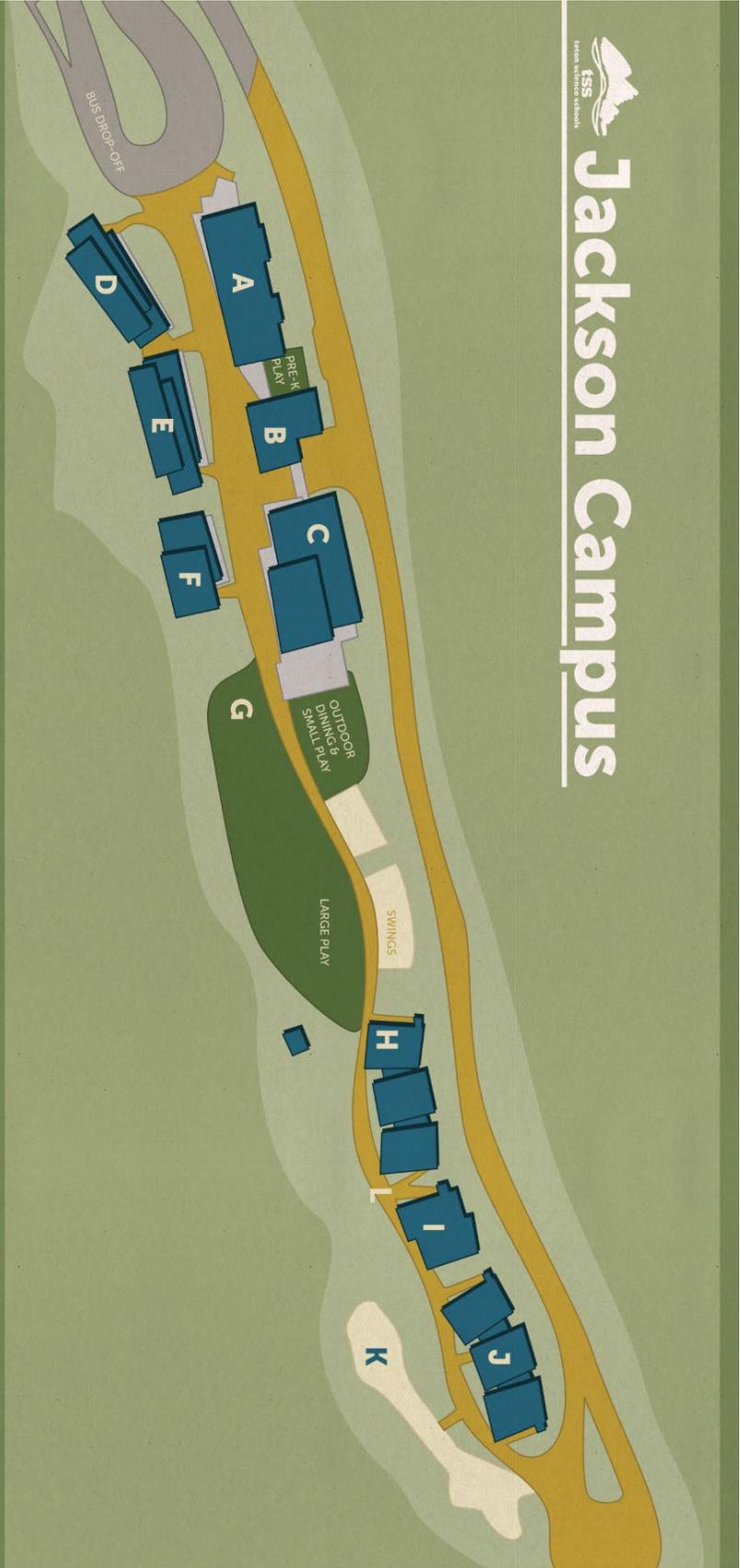
Hoback Junction..... 14 miles

From the West:

Wilson (Post Office).....3.5 miles



Jackson Campus



CAMPUS LEGEND

- A** Mary Liz Kemmerer Welcome Center
- B** Rich Bloom Outfitting Center & Kendal B. Turner Maintenance Building
- C** Clarke A. Nelson Dining Lodge
- D** Hohoot Lodge
- E** Chez Shea Lodge
- F** The Tessler Family Education Center
- G** Jones Playground
- H** Evergreen Elementary School
- I** Givens-Black Teacher Learning Center
- J** The Bear's Den Middle & Upper School Building
- K** Doug Walker Challenge Course
- L** Flora Mae's Trail of Hope

Staying at the Jackson Campus



You will be staying at our Jackson Campus located about five miles from the town of Jackson, WY. Perfectly poised to benefit from Jackson Hole's unique setting and community, the nearly 900 acre Jackson Campus is comprised of creeks, ponds, aspen, conifer, grassland and sage habitats. The facility is designed for education, using Teton Science Schools' expertise and skills accumulated in 50 years of outdoor environmental education.



RESIDENCE LODGES

During your visit to Teton Science Schools, you will stay in one of our two lodges. Both lodges have three floors with participants staying on the 1st and 2nd floors; the 3rd floor is reserved for TSS staff housing.

First floor rooms have three bunk beds with a full-sized or twin bed, reading lamp, alarm clock, shelf, and shared baths.

Second floor rooms have a full-size bed, one or two twin bunk beds, and a private bath with toilet, sink and shower. Second floor rooms also contain a shelf, chair, small table, reading lamps and alarm clock.

Our lodge rooms are simple and comfortable without the distractions of televisions or phones. The rooms do not come stocked with toiletries, so please bring these with you.

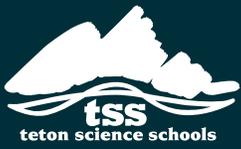
Our beds are outfitted with pillows, but they do not come with linens. Most schools elect to bring their own linens to campus. If you choose this option, each participant must bring a towel, a pillowcase, a full size flat sheet, and a sleeping bag or comforter. Prior to arrival, please have participants wash and dry all clothes and bedding on high.

If you choose to have TSS provide linens, there is an extra charge of \$20 per participant.

All lodge residents may take advantage of the comfortable, central meeting room located on the first floor of the lodge. This room has a couch, a table and chairs and is also stocked with board games and cards.

For more information and pictures of our lodges, visit tetonscience.org/about/host-an-event/





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DINING

Your group will enjoy delicious, healthy meals in our dining lodge, courtesy of our caring and hardworking kitchen staff. Upon entering the dining lodge, everyone is required to wash their hands before finding a seat. Students must wait to be dismissed before going through the serving line; chaperones may serve themselves as soon as the serving line is open. TSS typically provides breakfast and dinner in the dining lodge, while lunches are eaten in the field. Participants pack their lunches in the dining lodge, immediately following breakfast.

Our kitchen staff is happy to accommodate special dietary needs, provided they are made aware of them before your group arrives. Be sure to communicate with your program host about any food allergies or dietary restrictions prior to your arrival on campus.

HANDS-TO-WORK

Teton Science Schools does not have a cleaning staff. Instead, we practice a philosophy of "Hands-to-Work." All of our staff and guests pitch in to maintain, clean and prepare the beautiful facilities for the next community of learners. As part of our community, you will be living and learning on a campus that was prepared for you by prior groups and you will be asked to help prepare the facilities for the next group. In the dining lodge, field groups will be assigned Meal Steward responsibilities, which include washing dishes, cleaning tables, and sweeping floors at the end of the meal. Some field groups will also be assigned the duty of cleaning lunch containers at the end of the field day. Participants are also responsible for cleaning their own rooms and shared spaces around campus before they depart and will be supervised and assisted by TSS staff.

PHONES AND INTERNET ON CAMPUS

Due to the topography of our campus location, cell phone reception can be patchy. AT&T and T-Mobile subscribers can expect reliable service while staying at the Jackson Campus. We have Verizon antennas on-site to enhance the signal for those phones only. TSS encourages the collection of student phones to help avoid homesickness and to support our goals of developing self-reliance and independence. Our landlines are available to you with the use of a phone card for long-distance calls. If you would like to leave an emergency contact number with parents, contact your program host and they will provide one.

All Jackson Campus buildings are equipped with free Wi-Fi, which is available for adult use only.

SMOKING ON CAMPUS

The Jackson Campus is a smoke and drug free school. The campus has a designated outdoor smoking area.

SHARED CAMPUS

During your stay at the Jackson Campus, you may be sharing residence lodges and the dining lodge with other schools, youth groups, adult education programs, conferences, or other guests of Teton Science Schools. Your group will have the opportunity to meet and spend time together during meals and community time. Chaperones will be expected to supervise your group in the shared lodge, dining lodge, and outdoor spaces to assure that all guests have a comfortable shared space. In order to respect all of our guests, quiet hours are enforced in the lodges from 9:00pm until 7:00am. Lights-out will be determined by you and your program host.



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Staying at the Jackson Campus

PHYSICAL CONSIDERATIONS: WHAT TO EXPECT

To help you be prepared for the activities you and your students will participate in, please plan for active learning. For the most satisfying experience, please note that this program requires the following:

- Ability to walk without assistance at altitudes between 6,000 – 9,000 feet.
- Ability to climb sets of stairs without assistance. There are stairs in our residence lodges, but an elevator is available for luggage transport.
- Ability to hike at least two miles over uneven terrain
- Ability to keep pace with an active group of travelers and to be on time for all scheduled activities, some with early morning departures. Group leaders can work with their program host to develop accommodations for students and chaperones with physical limitations during the pre-trip planning process.

Teton Science Schools' style of teaching is place-based and experience-oriented. Our indoor classroom time will be spent exploring through discussions, activities and lectures, covering a wide variety of topics. Our outdoor classroom time will be spent investigating many areas of Jackson Hole, in vehicles and on foot.

WEATHER & TRAVEL

Inclement weather can sometimes interfere with road or plane transportation to Teton Science Schools. In the event that your group's arrival or departure is impacted by weather, TSS will make every effort to accommodate travel changes, based on availability. If your group needs to extend their stay due to weather, final invoices issued at the close of your stay will reflect additional costs including, but not limited to, lodging, program staffing, and /or meals.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

For the safety of all participants we require that all students under the age of 18 are always in eyeshot and earshot of an adult. The following activities are not allowed due to high inherent risk.

These include but are not limited to the following:

- Swimming
- Throwing snowballs, sticks, rocks or other objects at people
- Playing games in the roadways or parking lots
- Running on campus trails
- Accessing the Challenge Course without a trained TSS staff member



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Clothing & Equipment

Our activities and classes are taught outdoors, in all weather conditions. Layering of clothes—shirt, fleece top, windbreaker or jacket—will keep you comfortable as warm air is trapped between each layer and acts as an insulator. Layering allows you to adjust to changes in physical activity and temperature by adding and removing layers. Synthetic materials such as Polartec™ fleece that do not retain water and help wick moisture away from your skin are a better choice than cotton or jeans. After a day in the outdoors, you may wish to have casual clothes and comfortable shoes to change into for dinners and socializing at the campus. Prior to arriving on campus, please wash and dry all clothing and bedding on high.

At the minimum, pack the following for your stay with us:

- Comfortable clothing layers for a variety of weather conditions
- Two refillable water bottles (very important at high altitudes)
- A sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and lip balm
- Sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots for course times. Sandals are fine for indoor campus shoes, however only close-toed shoes will be permitted for outdoor use.
- Waterproof coat and pants
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, etc.)
- Towel
- Camera
- Full size flat sheet with accompanying pillowcase, a pillow will be provided by TSS
- Sleeping bag or comforter

If you are coming between **JUNE & AUGUST** you may also want to bring:

- Sandals or water shoes for water activities
- Shorts
- Windproof jacket
- Insect repellent

If you are coming between **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER** or **APRIL & MAY** you will also need to bring:

- Heavy coat
- Fleece layers
- Winter hat & gloves

If you are coming between **NOVEMBER & MARCH** you will also need to bring:

- Cold weather hiking boots
- Winter hat & waterproof gloves/ mittens
- Snow pants
- Winter coat

For further information on Jackson Hole weather, please visit www.mountainweather.com



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PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons of any kind. This includes guns, knives (including pocket knives), mace, etc.
- Alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Food, drinks, gum, or candy. Any food in lodges attracts unwanted small animals.
- All participants will be provided a pillow upon arrival and should not bring their own.

Students are prohibited from bringing the following items unless an arrangement is made between you and your program host:

- Any electronics* (including: radios, mp3 players, electronic games, laptops, iPad/Kindle, and cell phones) and non-prescription medications.

*If students choose to bring electronics for the bus/plane ride, it will be your responsibility to collect them upon arrival at TSS.

TSS-PROVIDED GEAR:

TSS will lend some daily gear to all of your students when they arrive on campus: a backpack, a foam sit-pad, and a water bottle. The backpack and sit-pad are returned at the end of your visit, while the students will get to take their water bottle home with them. TSS will also provide backpacks and foam sit-pads to adult chaperones who want them. For schools visiting in the winter, TSS also loans out gaiters, snowshoes, and/or cross country ski gear for students and adult chaperones.

TSS has a small amount of personal gear available to lend to students who may have left items at home. The collection of loanable personal gear includes winter boots, snow pants, waterproof jackets and pants, additional water bottles, fleece tops, hats, gloves, and sunglasses. Any gear loaned to participants will be collected and washed at the end of the program. If any TSS gear is damaged or lost, the school will be asked to pay to replace the item.



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Typical Jackson Campus Schedule

Timeframe	Event
6:30 AM	Wake-up
7:20 AM	Meal Stewards report to Dining Lodge with Chaperone
7:30 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Pack lunch Adult meeting Dining Lodge clean-up
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Gift Shop Prep for Field Day Tidy up the Residence Lodge
9:00 AM	Meet in field groups
~12:00 PM	Lunch in the field
4:00 PM	Return from field, lunch clean-up
4:15 – 5:30 PM	Community time: relax, shower, recreational activities, reflective activities, other projects
5:20 PM	Meal Stewards report to Dining Lodge with Chaperone
5:30 – 6:15 PM	Dinner Dining Lodge clean-up
6:15 – 7:00 PM	Community time
~7:00 PM	Evening program (Start time is dependent on season and age group)
~8:45 PM	Return to Residence Lodge and prep for lights out
~9:45 PM	Lights out
9:00 PM – 7:00 AM	Quiet hours



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Gift Shop

Based on your school's arrangements, your child may have the opportunity to visit our campus gift shop. Below are some of our most popular items and a price list. Please note prices are subject to change.

Headbands	\$16.00
Beanies	\$25.00
Track & Scat Bandanas	\$8.25
Nalgene Water Bottles	\$12.50
T-Shirts	\$20.00
Hats	\$17.50-30.00
Stickers	\$1.00
Patches	\$3.00
Ceramic Mug	\$10.00

Other Programs at Teton Science Schools



SUMMER SCIENCE ADVENTURES

School may be out for summer, but not at Teton Science Schools! We offer a variety of programs for students grades 1st-12th throughout the summer. These include:

- Nature Day Camp for 1st-9th grade students
- Backcountry Groups to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks for middle school students
- Intensive month-long courses in field ecology for high school students

Visit www.tetonscience.org/summercamps for more information



CONFERENCE & SPECIAL EVENTS

The Jackson Campus offers flexible meeting, dining and lodging space for intimate groups or large conferences up to 300 people. The setting is ideal for community events, professional retreats and workshops, conferences, board meetings, family reunions and weddings.

Visit www.tetonscience.org/about/host-an-event for more information

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