

ScienceTrek Application

2023-2024



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Located at Montgomery School, ScienceTrek is a year-long, grade eight, field-based science program created to inspire grade eight students to grow academically, socially, personally, and culturally. ScienceTrek is highlighted by hands-on, out of school experiences intended to fuel a passion for science and learning. ScienceTrek promotes lifelong outdoor pursuits such as hiking, biking, swimming, skiing, camping, and canoeing. The program helps to foster an understanding of the diversity of science and the impact of science on human culture and the environment.



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A complete application package should contain the following:

- ❑ A complete 2023-2024 ScienceTrek Student Application (this document, pages 2 - 4)
- ❑ A one-page typed essay that answers the question "Why would I be a great member of the ScienceTrek team?" The writing should demonstrate understanding of writing conventions, elements of creativity, and have clear organization. Provide evidence utilizing specific examples from your life including a moment of personal perseverance.
- ❑ A copy of your grade 7 (term 1) report card.

Please submit a complete application package to the office at Montgomery School or via online application by **3:45 p.m. on April 28, 2023.** **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

All complete applications will have the following criteria taken into consideration:

- Student essay
- Report card performance
- Teacher reference (we will contact your teacher via email - do not ask them for a letter of reference)
- Student self evaluation
- Preference will be given to students enrolled in Saskatoon Public Schools
- Applicants must be able to continuously and independently swim 150 m (unassisted, about Swim Kids 7)

Applicants that meet the set criteria will be entered into a lottery system from which students will be selected for our grade eight classroom. The waitlist will be a continuation of the lottery and communication will only occur if space becomes available.

All communication regarding application and admission will occur via email. Please provide a parent email that is frequently checked as this will be the sole method of communication for all aspects of the application process.

All applicants will be notified of their selection status by email throughout the first week of June.

Parent & Student Information Meeting

Thursday, March 30, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Montgomery School Gym

Costs

The cost to the student for this program will be a \$130.00 student fee. Payment will be due when the students begin the program. Acceptance into this program is not based on the ability to pay. If cost is a barrier, please contact us via email (sciencetrek@spsd.sk.ca). There may also be additional fundraising that will require student time only.

Student Self Evaluation

The **ScienceTrek** program will require a great deal of student responsibility with regard to: completion of academic work, independent research, learning skills in outdoor pursuits, behaviour in and out of school, and cooperation with other students, including group work.

How do you rate yourself in the following areas? Think deeply and honestly in regards to the following statements.

	Area of growth	Area of strength	Area of strength
1. I work hard at school to complete my work on time.....	1	2	3
2. I willingly accept the direction and feedback of teachers.....	1	2	3
3. I see mistakes as an opportunity to learn and improve myself.....	1	2	3
4. I have a positive attitude even in situations that are new to me.....	1	2	3
5. I am able to work with a variety of people with differing viewpoints.....	1	2	3
6. I am able to work independently without direct teacher supervision.....	1	2	3
7. I take full responsibility for my actions and do not blame others for my choices..	1	2	3
8. I am physically determined and willing to push myself in new situations.....	1	2	3
9. I love to learn.....	1	2	3
10. I appreciate good health and eat nutritious food.....	1	2	3
11. During group work I willingly volunteer ideas and contribute to the end product..	1	2	3
12. I recognize when it is time to work and use class time efficiently.....	1	2	3
13. I am honest, trustworthy, and accountable for my behaviour.....	1	2	3
14. I enjoy being outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.....	1	2	3
15. I am driven to perform my best in all I do and am mentally determined.....	1	2	3
16. I am consistently on time for school.....	1	2	3
17. I consistently attend school.....	1	2	3

My area of strength from above and why: _____

My area of growth from above and why: _____

Fitness

- Rank yourself on your level of fitness ability. **Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent**
- Rank yourself on your level of fitness determination (how hard you try). **Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent**
- Yes / No (please circle)**, I am able to continuously and independently swim 150 m (unassisted). (Roughly Swim Kids Level 7.)
- Yes / No (please circle)**, I am comfortable biking throughout the city and can travel at least 6 kilometers.

Band

Band is offered at Montgomery School and we encourage students to continue to be involved while in ScienceTrek. Do you plan to attend band class? YES / NO (circle one) If yes, which instrument? _____

Other Information

How did you hear about ScienceTrek? _____

If you are applying for another grade eight program, please rank your preferences:

_____ ScienceTrek _____ Ecoquest _____ Let's Lead / Nīkānētān _____ Creative Action

References

Your references will be contacted to review appropriate sections of this application. Please ask your references' permission to use their name.

1. Current Homeroom Grade 7 Teacher: _____ School: _____
Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Email: _____

2. Current School Principal: (name) _____

Time Commitment

This program will require that you spend periods of time away from school and home. The length of time can vary from one (1) to three (3) days in duration and activities may involve time during the day or night. Your class time may not always be between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Some of these activities may be scheduled with less than 48 hours notice.

Student Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Date: _____ **Parent email address to be used for communication:** _____



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ScienceTrek Activity Consent

Having your child as a participant in the ScienceTrek program at Montgomery School offered through the Saskatoon Public School Division, we hope that your child is able to make the most of this incredible learning opportunity.

One of the goals of the ScienceTrek program is for our students to participate in a plethora of out of school learning and physical activities. These out of school experiences are an integral part of the program which help each student flourish as a learner and an integral member of the ScienceTrek community. Throughout the course of the year, your child will transport themselves to numerous learning experiences by bike or public transportation. They will also engage in activities such as: swimming, canoeing, skiing, kayaking, biking, tobogganing, etc. Many of these activities will take place outside of the traditional school setting, in turn increasing the level of risk involved.

I/We understand that ScienceTrek is a smoke/alcohol/drug free program.

I/We fully support our child's full participation in all activities and opportunities presented to ScienceTrek students in the course of the school year.

I/We fully understand that all activities will be supervised and will take place at reputable and safe locations.

I/We fully understand that the specific details of each experience will be communicated to me/us prior to the event.

I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter _____
to transport themselves to activities by bike or public transportation and to fully
participate in all activities through the ScienceTrek program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____