

Experiential Science 11 (ES11) - Application Package 2018 - 2019

Thank you for your interest in the Experiential Science 11 program at Wood Street Centre. Every year we attempt to select 16 male and 16 female students from across the Yukon Territory and Northern B.C. At the time of selection, we also choose a waiting list of additional students which is kept confidential and referenced if a student cannot participate or accept their placement in the program.

General Program Description

The Experiential Science 11 program provides opportunities to extend the positive learning environment beyond the classroom and create innovative learning experiences. Experiential Science allows student to discover and develop their own understanding of concepts. The combination of theory and practice will form a solid foundation that will allow students to learn and grow. ES11 encourages each student to become a responsible citizen with the self-confidence and skills needed to meet many challenges of a changing world. The challenges of the program help young people to grow intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally and culturally.

Students should have a normal level of physical ability, be able to swim, and be comfortable in water so that they can participate in the SCUBA diving portion.

Student Expectations

Students will be expected to take part in all program activities. Inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour that puts others at risk may result in dismissal from the program.

Program Costs

Students will be expected to pay \$550 for the semester plus cover the cost of a single class meal during the extended trip on the island. This course fee will help cover the costs associated with activities, transportation, and food (breakfasts and lunches) during "The Big Trip". Students will also need funds for miscellaneous expenses and snacks for the "ES11 Big Trip".

The Selection Process:

Step 1 – The Application – Due February 15, 2018

All application packages will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- The student has the academic prerequisites to take the available courses in Experiential Science 11;
- The report card from the student's Grade 10 school year (including a record of attendance);
- The evaluation of the mandatory research assignment;
- Absence of any significant behavioral issues;
- 3 references.
- All applications will be scored using the same point scale system: 50% - references, 25% - report card grades, 5% - attendance, and 20% - the application form including research assignment. A list will then be generated of the top 40 suitable candidates.

Applicants not selected for Step 2 (The Overnight Familiarization Experience) will be notified via electronic mail.

Step 2 – Overnight Familiarization Experience

As an assessment and familiarization experience, 40 student candidates will be invited to Wood Street Centre school from 4:30 PM on Friday March 9, 2018 until 8:30 AM, Saturday, March 10, 2018. During this time the students will participate in typical field studies, participate in the preparation of a group dinner, other activities, and overnight at the school. Instructors, former ES11 students, and representatives from the Department of Education will evaluate students throughout the activities that are representative of the ES11 experience. Twenty-six students will be selected from this candidate group to be a part of the following Grade 11 school year cohort (13 students per semester.).

Students not selected from this group of candidates will be placed on a confidential list. There will be a lottery process undertaken by the staff that will select 6 candidates from the confidential list to fill the remaining total of 32 positions. Remaining students will be placed on a confidential waiting list to fill any vacancies that may occur.

Step 3 - Notification

All candidates will be notified of the final selection outcome by hand delivered letters to your school. Successful candidates must confirm their acceptance with Barb Smith, either by email to barbara.smith@gov.yk.ca, by hand delivered message to Wood Street Centre, or by regular mail to 411 Wood Street, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2E9.

Wood Street Centre Educators wish you success with your application.

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Student Name: _____

My completed application contains the following:

- Application form – 2 pages (legible and fully completed)
- Research Assignment
- 3 Reference letters submitted in sealed envelopes
- Your most recent report card issued.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Smith at (867) 667-8413 or to the email listed above.

Wood Street Centre Use only:

Home School _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

Application form _____

Assignment _____

Report Card _____

3 References in Sealed envelopes _____

Reference Score _____

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Total: _____

Observations:

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Student full name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal code: _____

Date of birth: (day, month, year) _____, _____, _____

Student cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Home school: _____ Student email: _____

Semester Preference (We will try to accommodate where possible. Please explain your reason(s) in the space below)

No preference

Fall semester only

Spring semester only

Reason: _____

General Questions: On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be part of the Experiential Science 11 Program?
2. What do you have to offer the Experiential Science 11 Program?

Research Assignment: Length 500 – 700 words plus diagrams if needed. Must not exceed **two** 8 ½ x 11 inch pages.
Do not include references.

Give an example of how you made a positive contribution to a team/group and what the outcome was.

By signing below we acknowledge that we have read “The Selection Process” and understand the process for applying to the Experiential Science 11 program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (1) signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (1) name (print): _____

Contact # _____ Email _____

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Please distribute to any 3 of the following to complete:

* School Administrator (Principal or Vice Principal)

* Non-Family Community Member

* Teacher

* Community Education Liaison Coordinator (CELC)

* School Counsellor

* Employer

Dear Reference: The student whose name appears below has applied for admission to the Experiential Science 11 program at Wood Street Centre in Whitehorse, YT. This reference is an important part of the application and your cooperation in providing a full, honest, and candid report will be greatly appreciated. All completed forms will be kept confidential.

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Please return the completed form to the student in a sealed envelope. Student: _____

Reference name: _____ Association with student: _____

Contact #: _____ Length of time acquainted with Student: _____

In completing this form please rate the student in the following areas using a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being very poor and 10 being outstanding.

This student shows courtesy and respect _____ / 10

This student is punctual in attendance and completion of tasks _____ / 10

This student is reliable _____ / 10

This student is motivated to succeed _____ / 10

This student participates well with peers and adults _____ / 10

This student responds positively to challenges _____ / 10

This student demonstrates strong self-discipline _____ / 10

This student will benefit, personally, from experiential programming _____ / 10

This student listens to and follows directions _____ / 10

This student is deserving of the opportunity above others _____ / 10

In your opinion, how would the student adapt to an extended 24 day field trip? Please explain.

Is there anything else I should take into consideration for this student's application?

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