

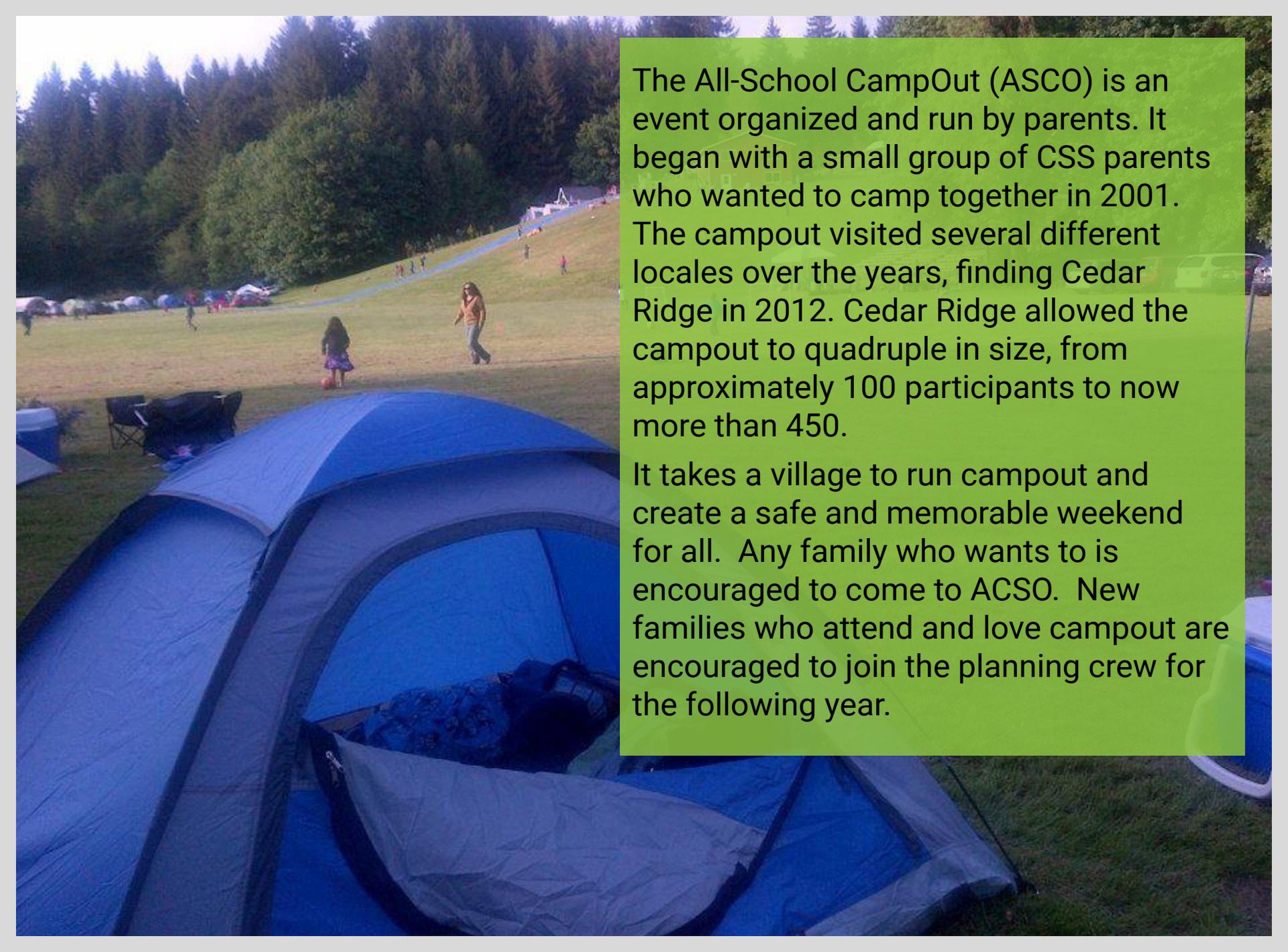
A wide-angle photograph of a large, green, grassy field. In the background, there is a dense forest of tall evergreen trees. Scattered across the field are numerous tents of various colors, including blue, white, orange, and green. Some tents are set up in a line, while others are more isolated. In the middle ground, many people, likely students and staff, are walking or standing in small groups. Some are wearing bright orange shirts. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The overall scene depicts a busy outdoor camp environment.

All About CSS All School Camp Out



**What is
ASCO?**

**CSS
All
School
Camp
Out**



The All-School CampOut (ASCO) is an event organized and run by parents. It began with a small group of CSS parents who wanted to camp together in 2001. The campout visited several different locales over the years, finding Cedar Ridge in 2012. Cedar Ridge allowed the campout to quadruple in size, from approximately 100 participants to now more than 450.

It takes a village to run campout and create a safe and memorable weekend for all. Any family who wants to is encouraged to come to ASCO. New families who attend and love campout are encouraged to join the planning crew for the following year.

When and where is ASCO?

Usually the
weekend after
Memorial Day,
Friday 5pm to
Sunday 3pm

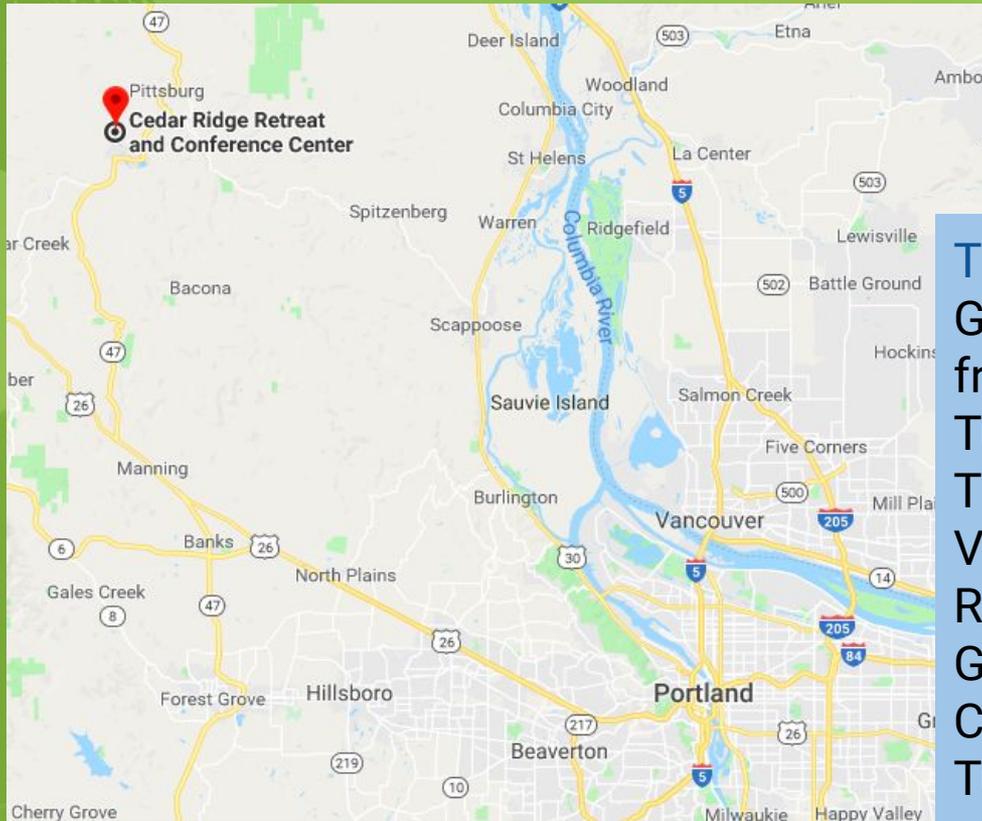
**Cedar Ridge Retreat and
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Oregon**

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The Simple Version:

Go west on 26 W 23.6 miles 23.6 miles from the tunnel by the zoo

Turn Right on Hwy 47 NORTH.

Travel approximately 15 miles to Vernonia

Road veers right on Bridge Street.

Go through downtown Vernonia.

Cross the Bridge.

Turn left on State Avenue (also known as Keasey Road)

Travel 1.6 miles to Cedar Ridge



**Where
will
I
sleep?**

**ASCO
Lodging**

Tent Camping

Most ASCO attendees tent camp. Campers can set up tents along the tree line at the bottom of the field in front of the Cedar Ridge Lodge. There are several Porta-Potties scattered in the tent area to avoid the uphill walk to the dining hall in the middle of the night. Tent locations are first come, first served, keeping to the perimeter of the field, leaving the field open for activities. For families looking for a quieter tent area for early bedtimes, setting up your tent as far from the campfire area as possible is recommended.



Cars (except tent trailers or camper vans) are not allowed on the field except for loading, unloading. After checking in, you can drive down an access road to the field, unload your camping gear, then park your car in the extended parking lot near the entrance to Cedar Ridge.

Bunkhouses

Those who aren't tent campers can choose to stay in a bunkhouse. Cedar Ridge has 4 heated bunkhouses that can sleep up to 16 people per room in 3 rooms each. Bathrooms and showers are located in a community bathhouse. Campers need to provide their own linens for the bunk beds. While the ASCO committee tries to assign families with similar-aged children to shared bunk rooms, it is helpful if you talk to your CSS friends and give suggestions of bunkmates in your registration. The bunkhouses are the most accessible accommodations with fairly easy access to the dining hall for those who may have difficulty trekking up and down the hills at Cedar Ridge.



Cabins, Platform Tents

Rustic cabins and platform tents hold 6-8 people. There is a cabin and a couple of platform tents next to the main lodge. Other cabins are near the pool along the treeline. There is a circle of platform tents in the woods above the pool area. The pool house bathroom/showers are nearby. You will need to bring your own linens and these facilities are not heated.



The Upper Grounds

The most luxurious accommodations are in the Upper Grounds, which include the Loft, House, and Lower, Upper Lodges. The ASCO planning committee, activity coordinators, and meal coordinators have first preference for these rooms. We are recruiting for committee members, especially families of younger children at CSS, to learn the ropes and take over coordination of this event so it can continue in future years.

The Loft is auctioned off at the Fundraiser every year. It is a multi-bed suite with a private bath and a deck overlooking the camp out - with the resident royal family exempt from a campout job. Save your pennies so you can be ASCO royalty.

What
will
I
eat?

ASCO
food and
beverages



Meals

Meals will be served family style in the dining hall with the hard work of our camp out parents working kitchen shifts.

Friday dinner is optional for purchase as many families grab food on the way out to ASCO. Tickets for Friday's dinner will be available during registration.

The ASCO menu stays pretty much the same from year to year. Feeding 450 people to satisfaction without much food waste is quite a feat. Keeping the menu constant allows the planning team to adjust the amounts of food ordered. Gluten free, vegetarian, and alternative milk options are generally available. Fruits and/or raw veggies usually accompany the meals. We try to accommodate dietary restrictions when possible, however, parents will be responsible for monitoring their children with food allergies. There may be peanut butter at ASCO. Please share your dietary restrictions or allergies when you register.



Projected Menu

We try to accommodate common dietary restrictions (vegetarian, gluten free). However, if you have a very limited diet and the menu below does not look like it will work for you, please feel free to bring your own foods and talk to one of us about storage options. These meals are subject to small changes as our Kitchen Directors see fit year to year. Information will be given prior to ASCO.

Friday dinner (Optional for purchase. No gluten free or vegan options available):
Pizza and salad

Saturday breakfast - Breakfast burritos, cereal, granola, yogurt & berries

Saturday lunch - Build your own sandwiches, fruit and veggies

Saturday dinner - Pasta Bar and salad

Sunday Breakfast – Hot breakfast items, cereal, granola, yogurt & berries

We will have only one meal on Sunday. If you know you will be staying late into the day, please be prepared with some extra snacks for your famished kiddos (swimming will do that to you!).



Snacks/Desserts - BYO

Snacks and desserts are not provided. Please bring snacks if your children need them. There may be some snacks available for purchase at the ASCO store. It can be fun to bring desserts to share during the evening in the dining hall (that do not require dish washing, such as cookies).

Beverages

Coffee will be made in the mornings with the morning meal. Water is available in the dining hall during meals and throughout the day. Many families bring coolers if they want a larger variety of drink selections.

This is a family event. **If you choose to bring or consume adult beverages, please do so responsibly and discreetly in closed containers.** Store your beverages so they are not accessible to students. Cedar Ridge does have garbage and recycling; however, please plan on packing out any recyclables you pack in.



**What
will
I
do?**

**ASCO
Jobs**

Jobs

Every adult (9th grade and above) has a job shift while at ASCO, either Kitchen or Activity. Kitchen shifts (cooking or serving or cleaning) tend to be shorter than activity shifts (crafts or river monitor or field games). It is very important adults show up to their shifts. Late arrivals and no shows can burden the other parent volunteers. When you register for ASCO, you will have the opportunity to request types of jobs and shifts and note special circumstances. We try to honor preferences as we can; however, we must fill the jobs with the greatest need (e.g. kitchen shifts).

If you have already finished your shift and see other parents are struggling to get things done, jump in and lend a hand. We do it for the kids.

Responsibility

A common saying of camp out is that you may rarely see your child (especially older children). ASCO does take a village, but parents are ultimately responsible for their children and the children they bring with them. Some campers bring walkie talkies to keep in touch with kids. In recent years, cell service at Cedar Ridge has improved considerably, making it possible to text each other. Arranging check in locations or times with your kids throughout the day can be helpful.

If anyone sees a student (or adult) engaging in behavior that is not safe, responsible, or respectful to each other or the Cedar Ridge property they should feel supported in saying so.

**What's
going
on?**

**ASCO
Activities**



Capture the Flag

Friday and Saturday nights we have epic glow in the dark capture the flag games on the field. Little kids, big kids, and adults run and scream in semi-organized super fun chaos.

Soccer/Field Sports

Want to pull together a soccer game? How about kickball. There is a huge field, asking to be played in. Saturday afternoon soccer is a regular occurrence.

Sports Activities

Basketball

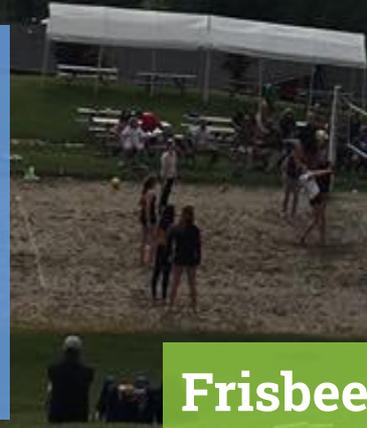
There are multiple basketball courts and many basketballs. Start a pickup game or sign up to host a scheduled game.

Volleyball

Cedar Ridge has a sand volleyball court. Start a pickup game or sign up to host a scheduled game. When there are not games in motion, the court tends to be a giant sandbox for younger kids.

Frisbee Golf

Cedar Ridge has a frisbee golf course. Bring your disks and pull together a golf game. Some of the baskets are in the tent area, so watch out for campers.



Water Activities

A group of about ten children are sitting in a line on a large blue tarp that is laid out on the ground. They are dressed in summer clothing like tank tops, t-shirts, and shorts. The background shows a grassy area with a wooden fence and some buildings, suggesting a camp or outdoor facility setting.

The River

Try to catch crawdads, look for rocks, bring a kayak. The creek that runs behind Cedar ridge is fun to explore. Adult supervision required.

Giant Slip 'n Slide

A giant hill + 350 ft of blue plastic + a water hose + baby shampoo = the most amazing slip 'n slide ever! Kids can go in groups. Adults try to make it to the end. The slip 'n slide is monitored by a Cedar Ridge employee and open Saturday and Sunday.

Heated Outdoor Pool

There is a heated outdoor pool staffed by Cedar Ridge lifeguards for most of the day on Saturday.

Water Mayhem

Many campers bring water guns or water balloons (please pick up the pieces) for DIY water battles. Sure to provide a lot of fun and likely a few tears.

Crafts

Create

There will be a variety of craft materials and activities for kids to explore and create. Crafts generally incorporate natural and found items such as flower petals, acorn tops, etc to create fairy houses or other creations. If you want to contribute items to crafts, start collecting.

Hot glue is often involved, so young children may need supervision.

T-Shirts

Create your own CSS painted All School Camp Out t-shirt. Shirts will be available to pre-order with registration or bring your own to decorate.





Host an Activity



Bring your talents

Do you want to host an early morning yoga class, a late night poker game, a cornhole or ladder ball tournament - whatever time or space allows? Let us know when you register or email csscampout@gmail.com to get your activity put on the schedule. Or bring your toys and talents for informal activities. Past favorites have included painting faces, and blowing bubbles.



What's
the
nightlife
like?

ASCO
Evening
Activities

Our school has gotten larger in recent years. Several families expressed that they didn't know anyone at camp out and found it hard to meet people. Let's make it easy - and fun! On Friday night during the mayhem of capture the flag on the field, parents can gather up on the hill by the dining hall and get to know each other. Let's make sure new families to camp out feel welcome and those attending their last camp out feel loved.



The Friday Evening Parent Mixer

The Saturday Evening Variety Show

Saturday evening, after dinner, the crowd gathers on the field at the campout "amphitheatre" to be entertained by the talents and antics of children and parents. Start preparing your act now.



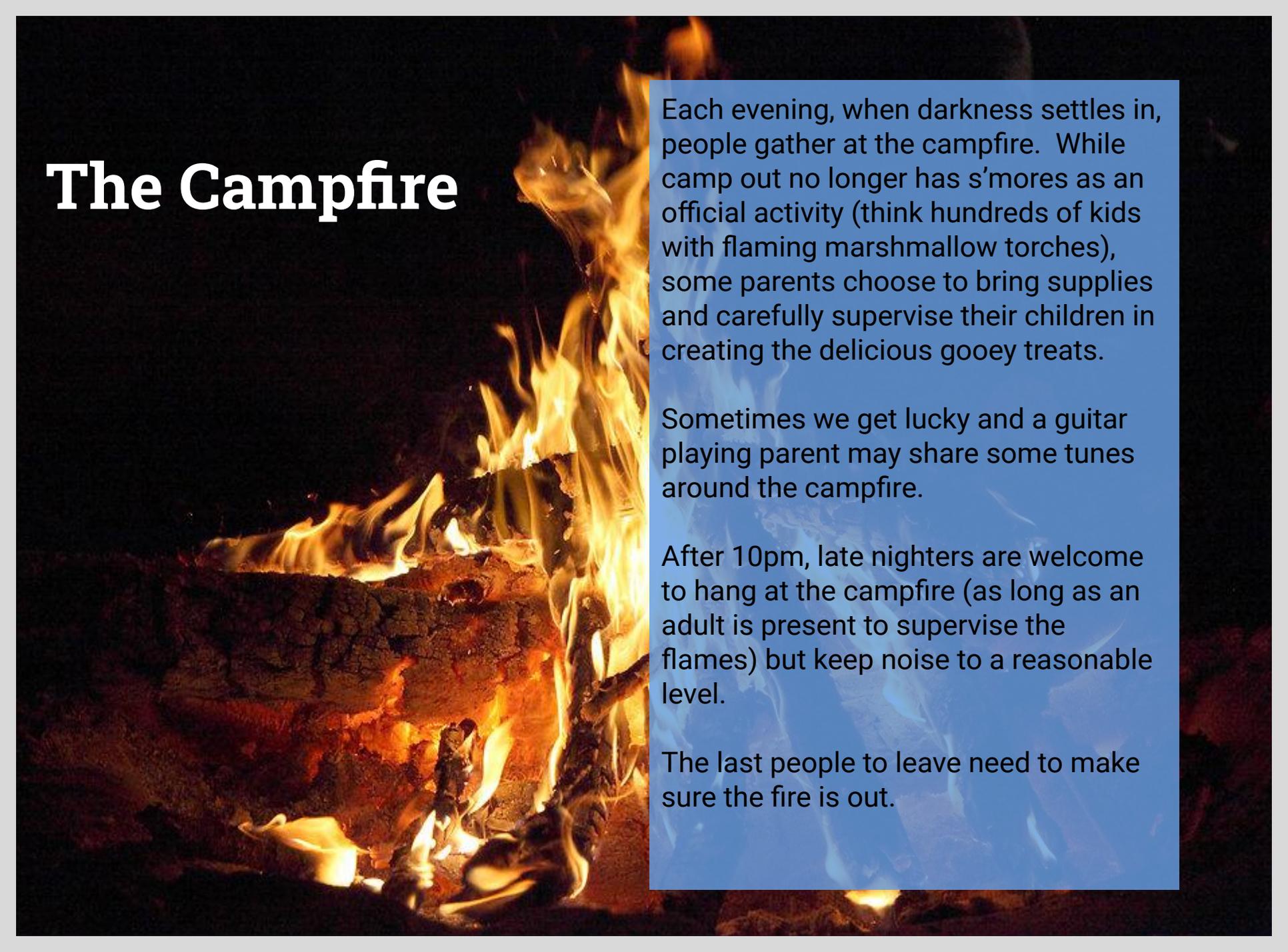
Performers will sign up in the dining hall on Saturday morning. Each person can participate in one performance of 2-3 minutes. Rehearsed acts are appreciated.

After the variety show, the mid-level students can make their way up to the community room in the upper grounds for a dance/party hosted and chaperoned by brave mid-level parents. The success of this party is largely dependent on the availability of snacks, so if you are a mid-level family you might consult with your student and bring some snacks to share. This event celebrates the incoming 6th graders at their first camp out dance and the outgoing 8th graders at their last.

The Saturday Night Mid-Level Mixer



The Campfire



Each evening, when darkness settles in, people gather at the campfire. While camp out no longer has s'mores as an official activity (think hundreds of kids with flaming marshmallow torches), some parents choose to bring supplies and carefully supervise their children in creating the delicious gooey treats.

Sometimes we get lucky and a guitar playing parent may share some tunes around the campfire.

After 10pm, late nighters are welcome to hang at the campfire (as long as an adult is present to supervise the flames) but keep noise to a reasonable level.

The last people to leave need to make sure the fire is out.

Late Night in the Dining Hall

A close-up photograph of a Monopoly board. In the foreground, a silver thimble sits on a light green square. To its left are two red plastic blocks. The board features various text and graphics, including the word 'GO' in large red letters, 'COLLECT \$200.00 SALARY AS YOU PASS', 'BOARDWALK', 'PRICE \$400', and 'MEDITERRANEAN AVENUE'. The background is blurred, showing more of the board and a small black figure.

Quiet hours begin at 10pm. Many of the kids and adults are still up and wanting to socialize. The dining hall is a great late night hangout to play games or visit while letting sleeping campers have some quiet.

Some campers have brought treats to share during the late night fun. This is great - as long as they do not create dirty dishes, as the kitchen is closed.

If you want to host a scheduled tabletop session or a card game in the evening, let us know. We can post a notice in the dining hall. Campers are encouraged to bring games for community use, but please put your name on the box.

**What
else do
I need to
know?**

**ASCO
Bits and
Pieces**



Registration

Registration is a 2-part process. Complete the **registration form** (Google Forms), then visit the **website** to pay. Please pay in full by May 15th. More details are available when registration opens on April 1st.

You may email registration questions or changes to registration to csscampout@gmail.com. Changes can be made until May 15th. There is a lot of data for the team to sort through, so please make changes only when necessary.



Job and Housing Assignment

A photograph of three people sitting in folding chairs in a grassy campsite. On the left, a woman with curly hair and glasses sits in front of a large white tent with an orange top and a blue jacket draped over the side. In the center, a person with long hair and sunglasses sits in front of a black Volvo SUV with a Connecticut license plate '933 CDP'. On the right, a woman with short hair and sunglasses sits in front of a blue and white tent. The background is filled with green trees and foliage.

Approximately 2 weeks before ASCO (mid-May) you will receive an email with your housing and job assignment. The ASCO planning committee thanks you in advance for your patience as we sort through the registration data and make assignments. If you have a problem with or question about your assignment, please email cssscampout@gmail.com as soon as possible.

During onsite check-in, you will receive a packet that includes a reminder of your job shift and housing assignment.

What to pack

Clothes for every possible weather scenario (or watch the weather closely in the days prior). A few extra layers and beanies recommended if tent camping.

Swimwear

Towels

Personal items

Tents and bedding if tent camping. Bedding if in a platform tent, cabin, or bunkhouse.

Flashlights

Snacks and drinks (if you want something other than water or coffee).

A few dollars if you think you will visit the camp store.

Sunscreen (the baby shampoo on the slip n' slide washes it away)

Optional but fun:
Board games
Card games
Lawn games
Glow sticks



Check-In/Out

Check in will be at **5:00pm Friday**. No early birds, unless you are assigned to a Friday afternoon shift and have been told you have early check-in (registration, food hauler, friday dinner). This means kids can attend their afterschool enrichment activities as they usually do.

You will need to check-in at the onsite registration table **BEFORE** driving down to the field to choose your tent site.

Check out is at **3:00pm Sunday**. Most families start to slowly leave after breakfast into the early afternoon. If you are some of the last to leave, please look around for items that should be picked up or thrown away.

CSS Students and Families are Safe, Responsible, and Respectful

Leave Cedar Ridge better than we found it. Anyone found intentionally destroying Cedar Ridge property will be asked to leave Camp Out with their family.

Leave your furry friends at home. Cedar Ridge does not allow pets.

Leave your drones at home. At previous camp outs, campers have complained about the use of drones.

Leave your wheels at home. No skateboards, bikes, or roller skates.

Vehicles should be parked in approved parking spots only. They are allowed in the field only for loading and unloading.

Observe all Cedar Ridge posted signs and rules (e.g. pool and slip n' slide closure).

Be kind to each other and have fun!



**Created by
your 2020
ASCO team.
May this be
the best
ASCO yet.**

**Photos by campout attendees
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website, and stock images.**