



Outdoor Experiences for the Next Generation

Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) is entering its second year of NextGen Outdoor Camp (NextGen), a program designed to offer outdoor experiences to youth who may not have family traditions of outdoor recreation. NextGen will provide 8 weeks of tuition-free programming for 15-20 students in 6th to 8th grade. Participants will meet twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm) beginning on June 25th and ending August 15th, 2019 (with no programming on July 4th). Transportation to and from camp will be provided at no cost by NextGen instructors driving Kitsap County Transit vans.

NextGen Outdoor Camp's fieldtrips, service-learning days, and recreational activities will emphasize learning by doing, and strive to develop an awareness and appreciation of the relationship that is possible between people and the natural environment. Through skilled leadership and participant responsibility, GPC will promote an atmosphere that is challenging, educational, safe, and welcoming for students of any physical ability, race, ethnicity, economic background, gender, sexual preference, age or religion.

By introducing young people to mentors within the environmental community, and connecting them to the wonders of the natural world on a local level, GPC aspires to have a lasting, positive impact on the next generation.

Learn more about NextGen Outdoor Camp at <https://greatpeninsula.org/nextgen-outdoor-camp/>. If you decide that the program is a good fit for your child, please complete the following registration packet and return it to nextgen@greatpeninsula.org by June 20th.

Questions can be directed to Claire Voris at (360) 373-3500 or claire@greatpeninsula.org.



NextGen Outdoor Camp Registration

Please provide the following information

Student legal name:

Student date of birth: Male or female: Grade level as of fall 2019: T-Shirt size:

List of medical or dietary needs, health conditions, allergies, or special accommodations:

List of medications (prescription/non-prescription) currently being taken, dosage and condition it treats:

Student address (for use in bus-route planning): City: State: Zip code:

Parent/Legal Guardian name:

Parent/Legal Guardian phone #: Parent/Legal Guardian email:

Parent/Legal Guardian mailing address: City: State: Zip code:

In addition to myself, the following party is authorized to pick up my child. I will contact NextGen Outdoor Camp Staff immediately if there are any changes.

Name: Relationship: Phone #:

In addition to myself, the following party can be contacted in case of emergency. I will contact NextGen Outdoor Camp Staff immediately if there are any changes.

Name: Relationship: Phone #:

Parent/Legal Guardian signature validating above information:

Name: Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian Consent Form

Please read carefully and sign below

I have voluntarily chosen to allow my child to participate in Great Peninsula Conservancy's NextGen Outdoor Camp (NextGen). As a condition of receiving this benefit, I do hereby state:

I understand and acknowledge that there are risks associated with outdoor activities and transportation. Risks include the unpredictable forces of nature; contact with harmful plants and animals; falls, breaks and sprains; rugged and unstable terrain; vehicle collisions and accidents; drowning and near-drowning; errors in judgement and conduct; and other known and unanticipated risks. I understand and acknowledge that activities of the NextGen Outdoor Camp in which my child may participate include, among others, hiking, swimming, kayaking, and gardening. Transportation will be provided to all field trips via Kitsap VanLink, bus rental, or the private vehicles of Great Peninsula Conservancy staff and program volunteers.

I understand that my child's willingness to listen and follow safety instructions and program rules will help ensure a safe experience for everyone. I understand that in order to participate, my child must agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Kitsap VanLink and NextGen Outdoor Camp and to follow the instructions of guest mentors, outdoor guides, NextGen Outdoor Camp staff and volunteers, as well as Great Peninsula Conservancy Staff and volunteers. I understand that behavioral infractions committed by my child that endanger any member of the NextGen or partnering community will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

I realize that my child's participation in this program may require sustained moderate physical activity. My child is in good health and I am not aware of any physical or medical condition that may endanger my child or other participants of this program.

In consideration of the inherent risks and expectations of the outdoor activities provided through NextGen Outdoor Camp, I do hereby agree to the following:

Assumption of Risk: I voluntarily assume all risks associated with my child's participation in NextGen Outdoor Camp. I agree that neither Great Peninsula Conservancy, nor any of its members, volunteers, staff, officers, directors, and other agents make any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding the conditions my child may encounter, the safety of program activities, the means of transportation to or from program sites, or any other aspect of program activities; and that neither Great Peninsula Conservancy or its members, volunteers, staff, officers, directors, or other agents shall have any liability for any defect or dangerous natural or artificial condition relating to program activities.

Hold Harmless: I agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify Great Peninsula Conservancy and its members, volunteers, staff, officers, directors and agents from all claims, losses, damages, costs, bodily injury, death, and other liability or loss whatsoever suffered by me or by my child arising out of or in any way connected with my

child's participation in the NextGen Outdoor Program. The terms of this agreement shall serve as a release and indemnity agreement for my heirs, personal representative, and for all members of my family, including any minors. These agreements of release and indemnity include claims of negligence by any released party, but not claims of recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct. I expressly agree that this release and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Washington. Should a court of competent jurisdiction find any provision of this Minor Participant Release, Waiver, Indemnity Agreement to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, on behalf of my child, I agree that the remainder of this agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

Medical Responsibilities: I authorize Great Peninsula Conservancy to provide or obtain medical care for my child, including transportation to a medical facility, as it deems appropriate or necessary, and at my expense, and to exchange medical information about my child with any third-party care providers.

Permission to Use Photography or Likeness: I hereby consent to Great Peninsula Conservancy taking or using any photographs of my child or recording my child, whether audio or video, while he or she is participating in NextGen Outdoor Camp activities. I agree that Great Peninsula Conservancy may use any such photographs or recordings of my child without providing any compensation or remuneration.

Behavior Guidelines: I understand and agree that my child comes under the authority and reasonable guidelines of Great Peninsula Conservancy's NextGen Outdoor Camp, and may be sent home, or removed permanently from the program for a violation of the rules. If this should occur, I agree to come and get my child immediately.

I have carefully read this release and fully informed myself of its contents prior to signing it.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name



VanLink CHILD RIDER AGREEMENT

This Agreement establishes the responsibilities of the parent and/or legal guardian and their child as participants in the VanLink program established by TRANSIT AGENCY.

The parent/legal guardian verifies:

- **My child is under the age of 18.**

The parent/legal guardian agrees to:

1. Have my child properly secure as required by RCW 46.61.687, and be responsible for knowing any updates to this law. Child riders are required to ride in the back seat until they are older than 13 years of age.
2. Pay full fare for my child (if appropriate) as established by the Agency. Fare is \$2.00 for a one way trip or a \$25.00 monthly bus pass. **NOTE: Great Peninsula Conservancy is covering all transit fares for participants in NextGen Outdoor Camp.**
3. Ensure the child's behavior is in compliance with the day-to-day operating rules established by Kitsap Transit and Great Peninsula Conservancy.

The parent/legal guardian understands:

1. The TRANSIT AGENCY is running a public transportation program for all members of the public. The transit agency is not conducting criminal background checks on the other occupants of the vanpool vehicle, and is not responsible for their behavior. Supervision of the child is the Great Peninsula Conservancy's responsibility.
2. Even though the TRANSIT AGENCY requires Great Peninsula Conservancy to be responsible for the proper securement of the child, the driver of the vehicle could receive a citation if the child is not properly secured. Therefore, any driver/backup driver complaint regarding lack of proper securement or a citation due to improper securement shall result in the expulsion of the van from Great Peninsula Conservancy.
3. The VanLink vehicle used in this program is not a school bus, and it does not meet or have to meet the strict safety requirements legislated for a school bus.

Child name:	Child age:	Child height:
Parent/ Legal Guardian signature:		Date:

NextGen Outdoor Camp Rules and Regulations

It is important that NextGen students and parents review this information together so that we can help support one another and enjoy a safe, and exciting summer!

Be kind

At NextGen Outdoor Camp we treat others the way we would like to be treated.

- **I will practice kindness toward my peers, leaders, mentors and guest guides.** Bullying or harassment in any form will not be tolerated and may be grounds for dismissal from the program.
- **I will practice good listening skills.** Your guides and leaders have important information to share with you about how to stay safe in the outdoors. In order to become strong outdoor leaders, we must first commit ourselves to becoming strong listeners.



Be responsible

As NextGen students we take responsibility for ourselves and our actions.

- **I will come to camp prepared to participate, and will bring everything I need for the day.** At the beginning of the season, each student will assemble a NextGen Outdoor Camp Kit. The Kit might include things like a water-bottle, sun-screen, and warm layers. NextGen Outdoor Camp will provide most of what the student will require, but a few items, like close-toed shoes, are the responsibility of the student and the student's family to provide. The student is responsible for keeping his or her NextGen Kit packed and ready to go for fieldtrips and for wearing clothing that is weather appropriate, and comfortable to move in (**see the NextGen Summer Checklist on the following page**).
- **I will come to camp prepared to participate.** Coming to camp prepared means that you come with a positive attitude, ready to try new things, to support your peers, and to communicate with your leaders. Some of this summer's activities will be new to you, and maybe even a little scary at first. Know that lots of the students in our program are experiencing those same feelings. The great thing about NextGen is that we get to navigate those new experiences together! If an activity ever makes you feel nervous or uncomfortable, share those feelings with your NextGen leaders so we can work together to find a solution.

Be respectful

At NextGen Outdoor Camp we respect ourselves, each other, and the lands and waters we visit.

- **I will respect myself.** Know your limits and listen to your gut. Check in with yourself throughout the camp day to assess how you are feeling – Do I feel thirsty or sick? Do I need to rest or can I keep going? Honoring what your body is trying to tell you, and letting your NextGen leaders know when you need help, is an important show of self-respect that can help keep you healthy and safe.
- **I will respect those I recreate with and their personal property.** We know you will encourage your peers to participate, but never push them to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable. We know you will be respectful of the time that our guides and guest mentors have given to lead us for the day. We know, too, that when borrowing equipment for recreation you will respect the owner's rules of use, and treat it as if it were your own.
- **I will leave the places we visit better than I found them.** Being respectful of the lands and waters we visit is an important part of NextGen Outdoor Camp's mission. One way that we show this respect is by practicing Leave No Trace principles. Leave No Trace is the idea that we minimize our impact on the land by disposing properly of waste, respecting wildlife, being considerate of other visitors, and leaving rocks, shells, and flowers where we found them for the next person to enjoy.

NextGen Summer Checklist!

What equipment will be provided in my student's NextGen Outdoor Camp Kit?

- Backpack
- Water-bottle
- T-shirt
- Rain poncho
- Notebook and pen
- Bug spray and sunscreen (*if your student has sensitive skin feel free to send him/her with their own products*)

What should my student wear to camp?

- Closed-toe shoes
 - Sneakers or school gym-shoes work great. Be aware that these shoes may come home muddy, so an older pair may work best. Students will be on their feet and active most of the day, so be sure that shoes and socks are comfortable.
- Clothes that they can move in and won't be worried about getting dirty
 - Dress in layers so adjustments can be made as the weather changes throughout the day
 - Cotton is a great fabric for summer because it breathes and can help us stay cool
 - Wearing a long-sleeve t-shirt is an easy way to protect arms from sun and prickly brush
 - A good rule of thumb when getting dressed in the morning: "Would I be able to wear this to my gym class?"
- A light-weight jacket or sweatshirt
 - Always good to have one available in case the weather gets cool
- A hat or sunglasses
 - Sun protection will be very important throughout the summer. Having a hat and sunglasses stashed in your student's NextGen Outdoor Kit is a good idea.

What else should I know so that my student is prepared for camp?

- Please inform NextGen staff about the specifics of student medical needs and any medications that they may require during the camp day.
- Please **DO NOT** allow your student to bring pocket-knives, lighters, bear-spray or any other potentially dangerous camping equipment. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to ask NextGen staff.