Welcome to the Walden High School Adventure!

An important part of the Walden High School experience is participating in the many expeditions we offer throughout the year.

**Walkabout**

Walden begins each school year with backpacking and camping adventure. It’s not easy—it’s not meant to be. This trip will challenge you physically and mentally. It will also help you to develop important relationships with your classmates and teachers and will show you that you can do almost anything! This year, most students will participate in a Timpanooko adventure that will include base camping and day hikes, but we will offer advanced treks for students who crave a challenge. You get to choose your experience. In July we will send home detailed information, permission slips, packing lists, and health information forms.

**Timp Lodge**

For three wonderful days in September, we go as a full group to BYU’s Timp lodge just above Sundance Resort. The leaves will be turning and the weather is usually beautiful. Here we take classes like nature photography, archery, sculpture, geo-caching, gourmet cooking and jewelry making, and we hike, play games, have a talent show and a dance. On the second day, we teach classes, play games, and eat lunch with Walden’s 4th and 5th grade students so that they can be a part of the experience for a few hours. Girls sleep upstairs, boys sleep downstairs and the chaperones don’t really sleep at all. We will send home a permission slip and packing list before this trip. Parental help is more than welcome.

**A Note About Drivers**

We always need drivers and if you are willing to drive on occasion, please provide a copy of your current driver’s license and proof of insurance to the front office. We will add your name to our list of potential drivers and notify you when we have a need.
Moab

Moab is one of our favorite places. Most years, we return to the Moab Valley Resort, where we stay in little cabins at night, but spend our days hiking Arches National Park, visiting Dead Horse Point, swimming at a watering hole, and learning a little about the natural flora and fauna and history of the Colorado Plateau. In past years we have listened to local writers read their poetry and essays at Dead Horse Point and have written and shared our own work. A permission slip, packing list, and health information form will be sent home for this trip.

Spring Expeditions

During Intersession and at the end of the school year, we offer a variety of amazing national and international expeditions that students can choose to participate in. We work hard to keep these trips affordable and we have extensive safety and emergency procedures in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. Extensive packing lists, permission forms, and health information forms will be sent home with your student before each trip. Preparation classes and parent meetings are mandatory for most international trips.

Here is just a sampling of the trips we have offered in the past.

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Classroom Excursions & Field Trips

From time to time, individual classes take field trips as a part of the learning experience. Teachers will notify parents in advance via email, but these trips are a part of the classroom experience and we will not typically send individual permission slips home with students. The following form will provide permission for your student to attend these short, local excursions. All drivers will be adults who have provided proof of insurance and a driver’s license to the school. Most of these trips will be in Utah Valley, but we may occasionally go as far as Salt Lake City for an educational activity. Past field trips include:

Local Businesses
Sundance Film Festival
Theater and Dance Productions
Planetariums & Aquariums
Forums & Lectures at Universities
Data Collection Almost Everywhere!

Visits with Professors and Professionals
Art and Natural History Museums
Local Parks
Bookstores
Nursing Homes & Community Centers
College Tours at BYU, U of U, etc.
High School Field Trip Permission Form

Student __________________________

I agree to allow my student to participate in a variety of local school and classroom field trips throughout the school year, primarily within Utah County, but occasionally further north or south. I understand that my student will be transported by a licensed and insured adult driver, unless I give specific permission for my student to drive himself/herself. This permission covers all class and school field activities between

This form is not intended to grant permission for Walkabout, Timp Lodge, Moab, Spring Expeditions, or any travel or expedition that is more extensive than a local field trip during school hours.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: __________________________

Today’s Date: __________

This form is for high school students only