

BUILDING YOUR STAFF

Community building is one of Twin Rocks' core values and is a central part of many of our programs, and Outdoor School is no exception. While Twin Rocks offers a small team of Outdoor Education staff to assist with planning and facilitating your program, our goal is for the school to build a strong sense of community during Outdoor School by providing their own chaperones, nurses, and additional class instructors.

BASIC STAFF NEEDS:

- The homeroom teacher for each class
- At least one adult cabin leader per cabin group (recommended one adult for every 6 students)
- Any class instructors needed, in addition to the Twin Rocks specialists
- A camp nurse, on-site for the entirety of the program
- To ensure all students have the best experience possible, any aides that are necessary for a student's success at school

SUPERVISION

At camp there are two different groups that need to be assigned, the cabin groups (approximately 6 students) and the larger learning groups (see more on page 8). Both need to have adequate adult supervision at all times. It is recommended that both groups have a student to adult ratio of 6:1 to provide adequate supervision.

ASSIGNING GROUPS

When assigning groups, student's needs and any group dynamics that may become issues should be taken into consideration. Cabin groups should be assigned with at least one adult to a group of six students. The learning groups, which go through class rotations together, are often comprised of 2-3 cabin groups.

Since homeroom teachers know the unique needs and challenges of their students Twin Rocks asks that they work to ensure all teachers, students, and chaperones are assigned in a way that makes sense for their students. Please feel free to contact Twin Rocks' Outdoor Education staff for ideas or suggestions. **This process will make knowing the number of chaperones needed for your school's program much easier.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Providing students, teachers, and chaperones with durable, waterproof nametags is a fun, easy way for everyone to get to connect names with faces. Twin Rocks makes wood cookie nametags (wood rounds, pictured below) that are simple and fun to decorate, and available for schools to use. Laminated, paper nametags work well too and can be decorated using stickers, markers, and stamps.



VISITORS

Please note, while Twin Rocks encourages school staff (i.e. the principle, school counselor, etc.) to visit at any point during the program, we do ask, that all visitors check in at the main office in the Welcome Center and wear visitor badges (provided by the camp) or an Outdoor School nametag for the duration of their stay. If any plan on staying for a meal please inform our staff when you confirm final numbers, this will ensure we have adequate food prepared.

Parents, guardians, other family members, or friends of the students and staff are typically asked to not visit during the week of their Outdoor School program. Teachers and school staff are responsible for establishing their school's policy on this and coordinating any time someone is allowed on-site with the appropriate school staff and Twin Rocks' staff.