



Explore Oregon

Do you like exploring? Fossil hunting and ocean adventures await at overnight camps on the Oregon Coast and in the High Desert! Share your enthusiasm with American and International students and serve as their ambassador to your unique European culture and explore Oregon's wilderness together. Begin your journey at the Coastal Discovery Center hiking through coastal rainforests, explore the lava lands of central Oregon, and finish at Hancock Field Station in Oregon's high desert.

Being a European ambassador is a position of responsibility that gives you the opportunity to represent your country and be a peer leader. In addition to being mature, friendly and helpful, participants must be able to hike 10 miles per day and have completed one year of high school.



Facility Information

Campers will stay in three different locations. The first location is OMSI's brand new Coastal Discovery Center in Newport, Oregon. The rooms are simple, but warm and comfortable. Bunk rooms have attached restrooms and shower stalls. In the center of camp is the main hall where campers share meals with their friends and OMSI Outdoors staff. Over the weekend, the group will camp in Oregon State Park campgrounds. Everyone will sleep in tents. Campers should bring a sleeping pad and can bring a 2-4 person tent from home, if available. The final nights of the program are at Hancock Field Station in the center of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Campers will live in rustic cabins and have access to showers and a dining hall.



Sample Activity Schedule

The activities are a sample of what campers may be doing during their camp session. A current schedule will be provided at check-in. All schedules are approximate, and subject to change. Due to possible weather variations, scheduling with partner organizations and outside agencies, and various other circumstances, OMSI Outdoors cannot guarantee that all of these activities will be scheduled for the current program. However, this information may be helpful guide of what to expect while at camp.

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Monday 7:00 am Check-in at OMSI Welcome international campers Drive to Camp Gray, Newport OR	Sunday Drive to the Ochoco Mountains Set up camp
Tuesday - Thursday Explore Newport, Oregon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike South Beach State Park • Visit Newport museums • Go out on a sea life cruise • Cultural & gift exchange night 	Monday - Thursday Drive to Camp Hancock Explore the area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike in John Day Fossil Beds Nat'l Monument • Dig for fossils in Fossil, OR • Swim in the John Day River
Friday-Saturday Depart for Newberry Crater Set up camp. Explore Newberry Crater: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swim in Paulina Lake • Hike the obsidian flow • Explore lava tubes • Hike Paulina Peek 	Friday 5:00 pm Check out at OMSI
<p><i>If you have an emergency and need to contact your camper, call The Coastal Discovery Center at Camp Gray: 541.819.0030</i></p>	
<p>We all want campers to go home with the right person! Remember to bring a government- issued photo identification card to present to OMSI Outdoors Staff when picking up your camper.</p>	

Safety

Before each activity within this program, OMSI staff will review the risks of the activity and the general precautions to be taken. The nature and demands of this program are **Level 3: Intermediate**. Campers should be able to hike uneven trails about five miles while carrying a light day pack. OMSI Outdoors Instructors are Wilderness First Responders, a certification of first-aid skills for patients who are more than one hour away from advanced medical care. Since portions of the program are more than an hour from advanced medical care, OMSI Instructors will administer basic first-aid and use their skills to connect campers to those medical services as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency.