

# **Experiential Science 11 (ES11) - Application Package 2019 - 2020**

Thank you for your interest in the Experiential Science 11 program at Wood Street Centre. Every year we attempt to select 16 male and 16 female students from across the Yukon Territory and Northern B.C. to be included in both a Fall semester and Spring semester ES11 program. At the time of selection, we also choose a waiting list of additional students which is kept confidential and referenced if a student cannot participate or accept their placement in the ES11 program.

## **General Program Description**

The Experiential Science 11 program provides opportunities to extend the positive learning environment beyond the classroom and create innovative learning experiences. ES11 allows student to discover and develop their own understanding of concepts. The combination of theory and practice will form a solid foundation that will allow students to learn and grow. ES11 encourages each student to become a responsible citizen with the self-confidence and skills needed to meet many challenges of a changing world. The challenges of the program help young people to grow intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally and culturally.

## **Student Expectations**

Students will be expected to take part in all program activities. Inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour that puts others at risk may result in dismissal from the program.

Students should have a normal level of physical ability, be able to swim, and be comfortable in water so that they can participate in the SCUBA diving portion of the program.

## **Program Costs**

Students will be expected to pay \$550.00 for the semester plus cover the cost of a single class meal during the "ES11 Big Trip". This course fee will help cover the costs associated with activities, transportation, and food (breakfasts and lunches). Students will also need funds for miscellaneous expenses and snacks during the "ES11 Big Trip".

## **The Selection Process:**

### **Step 1 – The Application – Due in to Wood Street Centre office by February 14, 2019**

All application packages will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- The student has the academic prerequisites to take the available courses in Experiential Science 11;
- The report card from the student's current Grade 10 school year (including a record of attendance);
- The evaluation of the mandatory **General Questions** and the **Research Assignment**;
- Absence of any significant behavioral issues;
- 3 references from people who know you well. **NOTE:** It is not our responsibility to contact late references.

Please distribute to any 3 of the following to complete:

School Administrator (Principal or Vice Principal)	Non-Family Community Member	Teacher
Community Education Liaison Coordinator (CELC)	School Counsellor	Employer

- All applications will be scored using the same point scale system: 50% - references, 25% - report card grades, 5% - attendance, and 20% - the application form including research assignment. A list will then be generated of the top 40 suitable candidates.

Applicants not selected for Step 2 (The ES11 Overnight Experience) will be notified via letter or electronic mail.

### **Step 2 – The ES11 Overnight Event**

As an assessment and familiarization experience, 40 student candidates will be invited to Wood Street Centre School from 4:30 PM on Thursday, February 21, 2019 until 8:30 AM, Friday, February 22, 2019. During this time the students will participate in typical field studies, participate in the preparation of a group dinner, other activities, and overnight at the school. Instructors, former ES11 students, and representatives from the Department of Education will evaluate students throughout the activities that are representative of the ES11 experience. Twenty-six students will initially be selected from this candidate group.

There will be a lottery process undertaken by the WSC staff that will randomly select 6 candidates from the remaining eligible 14 Applicants to complete the remaining total of 32 positions (16 students for each semester.) Remaining students will be placed on a confidential waiting list to fill any vacancies that may occur.

### **Step 3 - Notification**

All candidates will be notified of the final selection outcome. Successful candidates must confirm their acceptance with Barb Smith, either by email to [barbara.smith@gov.yk.ca](mailto:barbara.smith@gov.yk.ca), by hand delivered message to Wood Street Centre, or by regular mail to 411 Wood Street, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2E9.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My completed application contains the following:

- The ES11 Application form – this page and the next (legible and fully completed)
- The ES11 General Questions and Research Assignment
- 3 Reference letters submitted in sealed envelopes
- Report card from the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year  
(if unavailable, a final report card from the 2017-2018 school year)

If you have any questions, contact Barb Smith at (867) 667-8413 or to the email listed above.

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Wood Street Centre Use only:

Home School \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Application form \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

Report Card \_\_\_\_\_

3 References in Sealed envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Score \_\_\_\_\_

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Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Observations:

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Student full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: (day, month, year) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Student cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home school: \_\_\_\_\_ Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester Preference (We will try to accommodate where possible. If necessary, please explain your reason(s) in the space below)

- No preference       Fall semester only       Spring semester only

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Questions:** On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

- 1. Why do you want to be part of the Experiential Science 11 Program?**
- 2. What do you have to offer the Experiential Science 11 Program?**

**Research Assignment:** Length 500 – 700 words. Must not exceed **two** 8 ½ x 11 inch pages. Do not include references.

**What does teamwork mean to you? Give an example of how you made a positive contribution to a team/group and what the outcome was.**

By signing below we acknowledge that we have read “The Selection Process” and understand the process for applying to the Experiential Science 11 program.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian (1) signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (1) name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian (2) signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Experiential Science 11 (ES11) - Student Reference Form 2019 - 2020

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Please return the completed form to the student in a sealed envelope. **Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your experience with the applicant:**

- How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity/relationship? \_\_\_\_\_
- How well do you know the applicant?  not very well.  fairly well.  very well.  very close relationship
- How recent is your contact with this individual?  more than a year since corresponding.  More than a year since seeing in person.  We have interacted in person in the past year.  Current and regular contact.
- Have you observed the applicant in the role for which he/she is applying, which may include a leadership role?  Yes.  No.

**For each of the following characteristics, please circle the number that best describes the applicant. Comments are also helpful.**

Personality / Character						Comments / Don't know because:
1. Confidence	withdrawn 1	2	outgoing 3	4	sought by others 5	
2. Emotional stability	over-responds 1	2	well-adjusted 3	4	very well-balanced 5	
3. Self-control	undisciplined 1	2	usually disciplined 3	4	very self-disciplined 5	
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**Leadership****Comments / Don't know because:**

8. Work ethic	lazy 1	2	works well 3	4	industrious 5
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**Relationships****Comments / Don't know because:**

16. Team player	independent worker 1	2	asset to the team 3	4	great team player 5
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**Is there anything else I should take into consideration for this student's application?**

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