Camp Keystone FAQ's

1. **How old does my child need to be to attend Camp Keystone?**

   Half day Camp Keystone is offered for campers 3-6 years old. Full day Camp Keystone is offered for campers 5-6 years old. Camp Keystone is licensed through the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) for youth ages 3-6 only.

2. **Does my child need to be potty trained?**

   Yes. Your child needs to be potty trained. We will have access to bathrooms on site to use throughout camp.

3. **How many campers are in each group? What is the adult to camper ratio?**

   Both half day and full day will have a maximum of 12 campers with 2 adults for a ratio of 1:6 adult to camper.

4. **What is the minimum number of campers required to run a camp?**

   6 campers are required to run each week of camp. If this number is not met two weeks in advance of the camp starting, we will either cancel it and transfer your registration to a different week, or refund you in full.

5. **Is there a minimum number of weeks of camps I need to register for?**

   No. You can register for 1 week of camp or the entire summer!

6. **Do you offer a waitlist for full camps?**

   Yes! If a camp is full, you can still register for it and will be placed on a waitlist.

7. **Do you offer scholarships to attend camp?**

   Yes! As a licensed, outdoor nature-based camp through Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), subsidies are available to qualifying families. For more information, click here.

8. What is your cancellation policy?

Cancellations must be made by June 1st. We can move you to a different week, as space allows, or you will be refunded fully if you cancel before May 1st. After May 1st, if a cancellation needs to be made, you will be refunded everything except the 10% non-refundable deposit. Cancellations made after June 1st will result in no refund, because it would be difficult to fill that spot at that late point.

9. Where is Camp Keystone located?

Camp Keystone is located on NSEA's campus at 3057 E. Bakerview Rd., Bellingham, WA. Drop off and pick up will take place there.
For the full day group, we will be taking campers on field trips throughout the week to various locations, including Birch Bay State Park, Larrabee State Park, Hovander Park, Hundred Acre Woods, and other locations throughout Whatcom County.

10. Can I attend Camp Keystone with my camper(s)?

No. Camp Keystone is an opportunity for your camper to spend time outdoors in a safe, enriching environment with other campers to develop skills in self-awareness, teamwork, and social-emotional learning.

11. What does a typical day of camp look like?

No two days are alike at Camp Keystone, but this sample schedule gives you an idea of activity types and daily flow. Lessons will be a mix of outdoor exploration, nature games, stories, arts and crafts, and unstructured play.

Half-day Camp Keystone

8:30am	Welcome and salmon circle
9:00am	Nature theme introduction
10:00am	Snack and stories
10:30am	Outdoor exploration and investigation
12:00pm	Snack and closing circle
12:30pm	Goodbye, see you soon!

Full-day Camp Keystone

9:00am	Welcome and salmon circle
9:30am	Transportation to field trip site
10:00am	Snack and stories
10:15am	Nature theme introduction
12:00pm	Lunch, stories, and rest time
1:00pm	Outdoor exploration and investigation
2:00pm	Snacks and stories
2:15pm	Transportation to NSEA
2:45pm	Closing circle
3:00pm	Goodbye, see you soon!