

THE COOP SCOOP



Welcome and welcome back, Pioneers.

The 2021-22 school year is just around the corner and this issue of the *Coop Scoop* begins the annual process of communication around what to expect and when. Included here is information about student supply lists, coming *Pioneer Plus* attractions, the *Fall Call to Adventure* and *Spring into the Woods* trips, as well as the anticipated timelines for classroom assignments, parent orientation, and covenant conferences. Perhaps of greatest interest to many of us is *how* Pioneer Springs will open this fall. As you may know, the charter school directives regarding Covid are made through the [Strong School Public Health Toolkit](#) which was updated just this week in consideration of the CDC recommendations for schools. PSCS is also watching the progression of two bills in the NC General Assembly, the [Free the Smiles Act](#) regarding masks and a second bill that would allow charter schools to continue to offer remote online learning, an option that is currently unavailable for charters without this legislation. Because each of these pieces of legislation would directly impact Pioneer Springs, it seems prudent to watch their development in tandem with making plans for the start of school. Consistent with the school's values, we also are interested in Pioneer families' perspectives in our ongoing commitment to making safe and logical choices about how to navigate the challenges of Covid. To that end:

- If charter schools are given the option to run a virtual school in 2021-22 then Pioneer Springs will offer an online program. It is anticipated it would be separate from the on-campus programming and would be staffed by its own teachers. Please [complete this brief form](#) if you would like to be contacted should this option become available.
- Your thoughts, concerns, and ideas are valuable as the school solidifies plans for the coming year,. While we likely cannot accommodate each Pioneer family's preferences, we remain committed to open dialogue and building a community of common understanding and expectation. Join the Pioneer Team on Thursday, August 5th from 10-11am at www.pioneerzoom.com to share your perspective regarding the start of school.

The next *Coop Scoop*, slated to go out the weekend of August 6th, will include information about the daily schedule, Pioneer Care, the distribution of classroom assignments, and afterschool camps and athletics offerings as well as information about an open house and covenant conferences.

Fall Camps & Athletics

PSCS is looking to have an amazing fall selection of after school camps and athletics that will begin early in our school year; flag football, archery, ultimate frisbee, Stand-Up Paddle Boarding plus a few more, will all be options! Please be on the lookout in our next Coop Scoop for a full listing of options, the start and end of the 6 week session, the age range, pricing and dates.

Math Jump Start Summer Camp for K-5 students

Students are invited to participate in Pioneer Springs Community School's **on campus** Math Jump Start Summer Camp August 2nd to 6th and August 9th to 13th from 9am-noon. Student selection will be based upon end-of-year performance on the i-Ready reading assessment as well as classroom observations made by their teachers. This intensive program is designed to enhance your student's math confidence by building skills through number sense routines, number talks, strategies for memorization, in a warm and open environment. While two weeks may not seem like a lot of time to accomplish what your student needs to in order to bridge the gap in their math abilities, know that the main purpose of this camp is to reduce math anxiety, create a love of math and learning, and prepare them to be great math students in the year ahead.

Complete the [Math Camp Invitation Form](#) this week to join, there are a limited number of openings for the program. It is very important that students who participate in this program are committed and consistently attend each day (Monday - Friday) to fully benefit from the instruction. Please fill out individual forms if you have more than one child you would have considered in our program.

We are very excited to be able to offer this program free of charge and look forward to your student's participation. Please complete the information in the link below.

Please [email Ms. Margaret](#) if you have any questions.

If you still have books/
computers from last year
please return them before
August 13

What's coming up...

August

12

Mr. Randolph's Bday

13

Deadline to return books and computers

14

Ms. Gail's Bday

24-30

Staff Development

31

First Day of School

31-2

Kinder staggered entry

September

3

First Day all Kinder

4

Ms.Toni's Bday

6

Labor Day No School

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Please [email us photos](#) of how you are pioneering this summer!

Tutoring:

[Click here](#) for a list of PSCS staff members who are available for Summer tutoring.

[Click here](#) for more information about renting space at PSCS

[Click here](#) to order spirit gear

Link for all meetings:

pioneerzoom.com

Fall Call to Adventure & Spring Into the Woods

We are excited to share information about our 2021/22 *Fall Call to Adventure* and *Spring Into the Woods* Camps. These two adventures are immersive field trips directly related to grade-level learning expeditions.

Please see the table below for the locations, dates, and total cost of the two experiences.

Fall Call to Adventure Trips	Spring Into the Woods Camp	Adventure Fee
K-Charlotte Nature Museum, Nov. 5	K-Evening Camp Adventure at PSCS, May 20	\$100
1-Carolina Raptor Center, Oct. 21	1-Campout at PSCS, June 3-4	\$100
2-Latta Nature Center, Nov. 1	2-Camp Weaver, April 7-8	\$100
3- Schiele Museum, Nov. 9	3-Camp Weaver, April 7-8	\$100
4- Reedy Creek Nature Center, Sept. 24	4-Camp Caraway, May 11-13	\$150
5- McDowell Nature Center, Oct. 1	5-Camp Caraway, May 11-13	\$150
6- Camp Caraway Day Trip, Oct. 15	6- Mountain Trail Outdoor School, April 20-22	\$200
7- Wing Haven Gardens, Oct. 5	7- MTOS, April 20-22	\$200
8- Catawba River Keepers, Oct. 8	8- Barrier Islands, March 21-23	\$200
9- Snow Tubing, Jan. TBD	9- Nantahala Outdoor Center, May 4-6	\$200
10- Snow Tubing, Jan. TBD	10- Camp Henry Outdoor School Backpacking Adventure, Apr. 27-29	\$200

Adventure Fees are calculated based on the cost of your student's grade level-adventures. Students attending the *Fall Call to Adventure* Trips must have a minimum payment of \$50 submitted no later than September 20, 2021. The final payment will be due no later than March 1, 2021 for students attending the *Spring Into the Woods* Expedition. If there is financial need, please contact Mr. Chris to request an "Adventureship" application form. *Due to financial commitments made to the host facilities, **Adventure Fees are nonrefundable.***

If your family carried over a portion of the Adventure Fees from 2019/20 due to cancellations due to Covid, the credit amount will be applied to your student's fees.

Our 2020-21, 2nd-3rd grade Spring Into the Woods Camps will once again be 2 nights while 4-10th grade camps will be 1 night. These are adventure-filled, high-intensity camping trips, including environmental education classes, canoeing, rock climbing, hiking, campfires, and much more.

We will need several parent chaperones to volunteer for these trips. If you are interested in serving as a chaperone, please watch for upcoming volunteer training dates. Fall Call to Adventure permission slips will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.