

Grizzly Cubs

What is it?

Grizzly Cubs is a mentoring program between Glacier Peak and students from the elementary schools that feed into Glacier Peak: Little Cedars, Totem Falls, Cathcart and Seattle Hill.

Once a month you will have planned activities to do with your Grizzly. The event calendar is available online. Communication is the big key in Grizzly Cubs, text or call your Grizzly often and ask them how they are doing.

How do I sign up?

This year all Grizzly Cubs will be registering **online**. Please make sure your parents know that you are registering for Grizzly Cubs as there is some information they have to fill out. Once you have registered and had your parents sign this permission form, bring THIS form and payment (if paying by check) to your teacher. Payment is \$40 by check or online. Online registration forms must be completed by Friday, September 29th!

<https://www.sno.wednet.edu/Domain/1509>

When do I find out who my Grizzly Cub is?

You will get your Grizzly's information before the matchup on October 30th.

What if I have someone I want to be matched up with?

There is a space to write that on the application. We will do our best to match you.

Who do I ask questions to?

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Dear Elementary Grizzly Cub Parent,

Prior to your child being matched up with a Glacier Peak High School Grizzly Cub for the 2017-2018 school year, it is important that the following information be shared.

Grizzly Cubs comes from the Panther Pal program which was established eighteen years ago at Snohomish High School to bring Snohomish elementary students together with high school students. The goal of the program is to provide the elementary students with positive role models. Glacier Peak High School students will go through a two part screening process before they are assigned an elementary Grizzly Cub. High school Grizzly Cubs come from all areas of educational and co-curricular programs. Every effort is made to match up students of similar interests. However, there are often not enough male high school Grizzly Cubs signed up, so some male elementary Grizzly Cubs receive a female high school Grizzly Cub. Last year, over 350 elementary Grizzly Cubs were matched up with a high schooler.

There will be a scheduled event every month that will be sponsored by the Glacier Peak High School Associated Student Body (ASB). It is the sole discretion of the parents of the elementary Grizzly Cub as to the activities in which the child participates. Transportation is also left up to the parent of the elementary Grizzly Cub. **Any arrangements made concerning non-sponsored activities and transportation arrangements for a Grizzly Cub event will be left up to the discretion of the parents. No transportation is arranged through Grizzly Cubs with the exception of the high school lunch visit.**

Communication is the most important factor in the success of the Grizzly Cub program. It is vital that the high school Grizzly Cub and the elementary Grizzly Cub communicate with one another as to their respective intentions concerning the Grizzly Cub/ASB sponsored activities. *Communication is a two way medium and the responsibility of keeping in contact falls on both Grizzly Cubs.* Nobody wants a broken hearted youngster to be stood up by their Grizzly Cub. The phone numbers of each Grizzly Cub will be provided so that any conflicts that do arise can be handled between the Grizzly Cubs. Grizzly Cubs is not a baby sitting service. Parents must also communicate with the high school Grizzly Cub as to when and where students may be picked up and dropped off.

It should also be understood that each Grizzly Cub relationship will vary in the amount of time that the two Cubs spend together. Some Grizzly Cubs will see or talk to each other weekly while other Grizzly Cubs may only see their Cub once a month. It is important to remember that not all Grizzly Cubs can make all the activities. **Parents, it is vital that you become involved in the Grizzly Cub relationship so that communication channels and expectations are understood by all. The only problems that have resulted in the past years have been due to lack of communication.**

Also, being a Grizzly Cub does allow for free entrance into home sporting events, but **only when accompanied by their Grizzly Cub or parent.** This is to ensure that elementary students are not left alone at home sporting events.

Living in the Snohomish School District affords your student numerous opportunities to grow and mature in a great community. Grizzly Cubs is just one of those opportunities. When all participants adhere to the suggestions above, Grizzly Cubs becomes a very memorable part of the school year. Thank you for your support of the Grizzly Cub program and the Snohomish School district.

Sincerely,

Amanda Shadoff

Grizzly Cub Coordinator