

CPS Student Explorers Program

Through support from the Shedd Aquarium, private foundations and corporate donations, Wilderness Classroom is proud to offer 7 scholarships to Chicago Public Schools who are excited and motivated to bring The North American Odyssey to their classrooms

through the Student Explorers Program.

Are you looking for a fun, educational end of the year activity that motivates and engages students?

From April 20th through the end of the 2010 school year, the Wilderness Classroom will take participating schools on a virtual field trip by kayak along the Pacific Northwest Coast of Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska. Our expedition team will use satellite technology to post updates from the trail and communicate with participating students and teachers on a daily basis. Photos, videos, journals, scientific data, and direct communication with expedition members will bring the plants, animals, and people of the Pacific Ocean and Temperate Rainforests into classrooms in a whole new way—and expose students to a whole new world.

Each CPS school in the Student Explorers Program will receive access to the Wilderness Classroom Organization's multidisciplinary curriculum and lesson plans, a school assembly in March or April, 2010, as well as training for participating teachers. At the end of the school year, participating teachers will be asked to provide a brief report of their classroom's experience and complete a brief evaluation.

Contact Dave Freeman (312) 505-9973 or dave@wildernessclassroom.com if you have any questions.



Students pepper Dave Freeman with questions during a CPS assembly.

"Thank you for this opportunity as it opens my student's world view each year. For most of my students have not traveled out of the neighborhood besides to go on school field trips Thank you again."

- 4th grade teacher Claremont Academy (Chicago Public School)

"Many of my students really learn a lot.... There were many that worked harder on this project than they had all year."

- 6th Grade Teacher, Dunne Elementary (Chicago Public School)

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