



Winter Retreat at Chewelah Peak.

'PEAK' EXPERIENCES AT CHEWELAH PEAK LEARNING CENTER

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PRINCIPAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Creating a Culture, Engaging Communities, Improving Instruction, Closing the Gap

The Association of Washington School Principals is the only principals association in the country to own a residential retreat center. In fact, we have two! Both Cispus and Chewelah Peak host all manner of educational opportunities from summer leadership camps, weekend staff or student retreats, upper elementary outdoor science school, and any other educational group simply wanting to use us for

their program. Here are some of the highlights from the 2017-18 school year.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKSHOP DIRECTORS

National Conference on Student Activities

On a snowy day in December, 80 adult student activity advisers from across the country rode a bus to Chewelah Peak Learning Center for a

mini leadership camp. Based on the curriculum of AWSP's Association of Washington Student Leaders summer programs, participants learned presentation techniques for communication training, sensitivity awareness, large group activities, and a unique way to teach appropriate humor through a mock trial of a student body president who told a questionable joke at an assembly. It was great day to highlight our programs and our newest facility for student and adult retreats.

WINTER RETREAT AT THE PEAK: FROM VISION TO ACTION

Seventy-seven students and 14 advisers from 11 schools throughout Eastern Washington brought warmth and energy to this inaugural event in February. The goal for the winter retreat was for high school students and their advisers to be able to **reflect, recharge, and refocus** during the middle of the school year. Advisers were afforded a breakout strand where they could connect, network and share success stories. Student delegates got to work with their respective school groups, take part in breakout sessions, set goals, and participate in team building challenges. The Winter Retreat was a success by all measurable standards, and we look forward to making it an annual event at The Peak.

FALL MIDDLE LEVEL LEADERSHIP RETREAT AT CHEWELAH PEAK

"If it is to be...It's up to us!"

Four middle school leadership teams with advisers visited The Peak in October. They were greeted by our leadership staff and their specially trained team of high school students. Each delegation was asked to look



Attendees at the Fall Middle Level Leadership Retreat.

closely at their schools using their OSPI Report Cards determining what "it" they wanted to make "be". They were taught practical skills to set goals and take action, were given the opportunity to use those skills in a presentation, build a perfect sundae, and meet goals on the challenge course. They left with a plan to improve their school climate and culture. This successful program will take place again in October 2018.

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OUTDOOR SCIENCE AT THE PEAK

A hydrologic technician with the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture worked with Chewelah HomeLink students looking at the hardness of snow layers. The Stevens County Conservation District and US Forest Service were also involved with this program that included students from Gess Elementary in Chewelah. Opportunities for hands-on science abound at the Chewelah Peak Learning Center.

The extent of the educational opportunities at The Peak is only limited to the imagination of our members. Please consider joining one of our programs, or book the facility for your own retreats. Chewelah Peak Learning Center is an AWSP asset, and a treasure for those who explore its possibilities. ■

The Lodge at Chewelah Peak.

