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## **PRESS RELEASE: Chiloquin Learns After School Preparing for New School Year; Registration, Staff, Volunteers, and Community Partners Needed**

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Chiloquin Visions in Progress (CVIP) is excited to announce that Chiloquin Learns After School (CLAS) is preparing to welcome students back for another exciting year of learning, creativity, and connection. The free after-school program is now accepting registrations for the 2026–2027 school year and is inviting families, community members, and local businesses to help make this year's program the best yet.

Serving students in kindergarten through sixth grade, CLAS provides a safe, supportive environment where children can continue learning after the school day ends. Students participate in hands-on activities that build academic skills, encourage creativity, promote healthy lifestyles, and strengthen friendships while enjoying a nutritious afternoon meal.

Following a successful 2025–2026 school year that saw participation grow significantly, organizers are looking forward to serving even more students when the program begins in late September or early October.

*"We've seen firsthand the difference that CLAS makes in the lives of children and families," said John Rademacher, Board President of Chiloquin Visions in Progress. "Whether it's helping students build confidence, discover new interests, or simply providing a safe place to learn and grow after school, the impact reaches far beyond the classroom."*

### **Registration Now Open**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to register early, as enrollment is limited. Registration forms are available online <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/HGC87rYb0h> and at the CVIP office at the Chiloquin Community Center.

### **Paid Aides and Volunteers Needed**

As the program continues to grow, CLAS is seeking caring and enthusiastic individuals to join the team.

Paid after-school aides are needed to help supervise activities, support students, and assist program staff throughout the school year. The program is also looking for volunteers who would like to share their time, talents, or professional skills. Whether helping with homework, reading with students, leading an activity, assisting with special projects, or simply being a positive role model, volunteers make a lasting difference. More information is available on the CLAS website at <https://www.chiloquinvisions.com/chiloquin-learns-after-school/>.

## **Building Community Partnerships**

CLAS is also expanding opportunities for community partnerships. Local businesses, civic organizations, nonprofits, and community groups are invited to become part of the program by sponsoring activities, providing supplies, sharing expertise, hosting educational experiences, or supporting student enrichment opportunities.

Community sponsorships help ensure that every child has access to engaging educational activities, arts, outdoor learning, STEM experiences, field trips, healthy meals, and other opportunities that inspire learning beyond the classroom.

*"CLAS succeeds because it is truly a community effort," Rademacher said. "Every volunteer, sponsor, and partner helps create enrichment opportunities that many of our children might not otherwise experience. Together, we can continue investing in the next generation of Chiloquin."*

Individuals and organizations interested in becoming a sponsor or community partner are encouraged to contact Chiloquin Visions in Progress to learn about the many ways they can get involved.

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## **About Chiloquin Learns After School**

Chiloquin Learns After School (CLAS) is a free after-school program operated by Chiloquin Visions in Progress. The program provides academic enrichment, arts, STEM activities, outdoor education, recreation, nutrition, and social-emotional learning in a safe and welcoming environment for elementary students. CLAS is made possible through the support of grants, community partners, volunteers, and local sponsors who are committed to helping Chiloquin's children learn, grow, and succeed.

## **About Chiloquin Visions in Progress:**

Chiloquin Visions in Progress is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that serves the greater Chiloquin area as a catalyst for fostering a healthy and prosperous community. We are dedicated to promoting civic engagement and community development in the Chiloquin area. Through various programs, initiatives, and events, we strive to empower residents to become active participants in shaping their community's future.