

April 27, 2010

Dear Parents,

We are excited about our upcoming field trip to Camp Edwards in East Troy, Wisconsin. The students in our classes will be involved in three days of outdoor education activities from Wednesday, May 12th through Friday, May 14th.

Camp Edwards has a staff organized to teach, feed, and house children. Their staff and ours will provide a coordinated outdoor education curriculum for study during our stay. The activities and classes on this trip will focus on ecosystems. Specifically, we will look at change and succession as seen through the transitions from glacial lake, to marsh, to meadow, to shrub land, and finally to forest. We will also be involved in team building and cooperative experiences; a continuation of what they have worked on in KW and the classroom. We will be accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Bierner, Dr. Cheever, and eight to ten additional Hubbard Woods staff members. At least two classes at Camp Edwards will be led by members of the Camp Edwards staff.

Students will need to be on the sidewalk by the bike racks at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12th. We estimate our return time to be approximately noon on Friday, May 14th, and students will be dismissed at that point. It is important that you make arrangements for your child to be picked up at school at noon that day and taken home or sent to a friend's house at that time. Your child may NOT walk home that day. We need to see a parent or other assigned adult there to take responsibility for your child.

Below is a list of important information (please save):

1. **FEES:** Parents are asked to pay a fee of \$85. This covers guide fees, transportation, housing, and the six meals provided by Camp Edwards. The cost of the t-shirt is included, too. Checks **must be made payable** to THE WINNETKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Financial assistance is available.
2. **MEDICATION:** Any medication requirements should be cleared through the school nurse, who will then arrange for administration during the trip. All medication, whether prescription or over the counter, **must be given to the nurse by the Friday of the week before** we leave for camp (**May 7th**). **YOU MUST SEND THE MEDICINE in the original labeled container** – not in a baggie or envelope. Please send only enough for the days at camp.
3. **FOOD:** Students will be provided with all meals. We will also be providing healthy snacks for in between meals and on the bus rides. Students should bring **NO FOOD** with them.
 - **OPTIONAL:** Students may bring bottled water. Drinks should be in plastic bottles with screw-on tops or sport tops and should be **individually labeled** with the child's name. No other types of drinks will be allowed.
 - **FOOD ISSUES** - If your child has any food allergies or other food-related issues which may impact his/her eating on the trip, please let us know as soon as possible.

4. **PACKING:** All clothing should be LABELED and packed into a duffel/sports activity bag (with the snacks).

- Sleeping bag or bed roll (with or without pillow, depending on child's preference) – PLEASE PACK THESE TOGETHER IN A LABELED BAG!!
- Two changes of clothing
- Extra pair of gym shoes (*no open-toed shoes*)
- Waterproof boots
- Pajamas
- Towel and wash cloth
- Soap and personal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Three changes of socks and underwear
- Plastic squirt bottle for optional water fight (no water guns)
- Flashlight
- Raincoat (just in case)
- Sunglasses, suntan lotion and bug spray
- Camera (optional) – IF BRINGING, PUT CHILD'S NAME ON IT; We recommend disposable cameras, but if you choose to send a digital one, we take no responsibility for it.
- *While we're hoping/expecting* warm weather for May, we would request you pack one set of cool-weather clothing, just in case (like pants and a sweatshirt).

5. **⊘:** Students are **NOT ALLOWED TO BRING** food, money, cell phones, electronic games, iPods or any other electronic devices/toys. If in doubt, the answer is no. We want this to be an experience that is removed from the children's regular, daily lives. A small book light for reading at night is OK.

6. **THE BUS:** Students will be spending between 1½ and 2 hours each way on the bus to and from Camp Edwards. To help pass the time on the bus there are some things they might want to take along. Here are some suggestions:

Crossword puzzles

Sketch pad and colored pencils

Word searches

Cards

Car games with magnets or pegs

Math games

A good book (*also good for free time or at night at camp*)

Please fill out the attached permission slip and return it to us, with check enclosed, by Wednesday, May 7th. Please save this letter to help you and your child prepare for the trip.

We know this will be a valuable and memorable learning experience for our students. If you have any questions about this trip, please call either one of us at 446-0920.

Thank you for your support,

Joanna Amaral, Todd Burlison & David Wartik

**Camp Edwards Field Trip
Permission Slip – due Wednesday, May 7, 2010**

My child, _____, has my permission to go to Camp Edwards from Wednesday, May 12, to Friday, May 14, 2010.

A check made payable to THE WINNETKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS in the amount of \$85 is enclosed.

I also agree that if my child is unable to handle the responsibilities of this field trip, **I will come and pick him/her up at any time.**

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Emergency telephone number: _____

Doctor's Name and Phone Number: _____

PLEASE ATTACH a photocopy of the child's or the family's health insurance card and include it when you return this packet.

Please do not turn any items in until everything (check, signature form and insurance card) is ready for submission. Thanks!