

# An Invitation to Parents of CJMS 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Interested in chaperoning at Outdoor Education this year?

Parent volunteer chaperones are needed to support our adventure to Summit Lake Outdoor Education Center in Emmitsburg, MD on March 1-3, 2010 (Mrs. Troup's classes) or March 3-5, 2010 (Dr. Chase's/Mrs. Knox's and Special Needs classes.)

We seek parents who will support our Outdoor Education program by supervising students during such as: recreational periods, in cabins, dining room, and evening activities. Parent chaperones will live in student cabins and assist throughout the program for three days and two nights.

Due to the nature of this unique educational experience, parents possessing specific skills compatible with the goals and objectives of the Outdoor Education Residential Program are encouraged to apply. Parents are asked to submit a brief summary of skills they possess in relating to and supervising young adolescents. Previous experience with groups of children in organized activities (scouts, sports, camping, environmental/outdoor education) as well as CPR and medical training are desirable *but not required*. Additionally, MCPS requires prospective volunteers to read "A Guide to Volunteering in the Outdoor Education Program," and submit a completed "Volunteer Disclosure Form." These documents, along with details about the program and Summit Lake Center, are available electronically on the Outdoor Education website: (control , click) <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/outdoored/>. Please submit both the summary, including your child's name and Social Studies teacher's names together with the volunteer disclosure form directly to Dr. Cora Neighbors, Grade 6 Counselor at CJMS.

Chaperones may be charged for meals at Summit Lake. All volunteers are required to attend two Wednesday training sessions: February 3 and 17 2010 at 7 PM in room 211 (Dr. Chase). Approximately six fathers and six mothers are needed for each of the two sessions.

Thanks for considering the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!