Outdoor Education

Welcome!

*Please pick up packets and papers
*Sign in on the clipboards
*Pick up a S'mores snack!

Earle B. Wood
Middle School
6th Grade
Overview

■ What is Outdoor Education?

■ What do parents need to do to make sure their child is able to attend? (A few words from our nurse too)

■ What will the kids be doing when they’re there?

■ What will they see when they’re there?
When you hear Outdoor Education, what do you think?

- Campfires, games and singing
- Kids sharing meals, doing KP, crafts, etc.
- Kids having fun
- Recreational activities
It’s a fun way to learn out of doors...

...students may not realize how much they’re learning!
Why Should Your Child Go?

- Provides hands-on learning experiences
- Develops good relationships among peers and teachers
- Cultivates an appreciation for the natural environment (meets 3 state requirements)
  - Environmental Literacy
  - Student Service Learning
  - Chesapeake Bay State Initiative
- Supports positive attitudes about learning
Outdoor Education at Skycroft

“Nothing is real until it’s experienced.”
Where & When

- Skycroft Convention Center in Middletown, MD
  - 3 days and 2 nights.
- 6th grade split into 2 groups
  - Rayno Rangers (240) 394-6494
    - (Ms. Raynovich’s classes + Ms. Barrett’s classes)
      - (Mon. March 19 - Wed. March 21, 2018)
  - Kemp’s Kampers (240) 394-7024
    - (Mr. Rose’s classes + Ms. Brown’s classes)
Medication and Health

- **Health**
  - Certified nurse on site from 8 – 5 daily.
  - Wood staff Night Nurse after hours

- **Medication**
  - All medications must have a signed form to the nurse by March, 5, 2018.
  - All medications must be labeled.

301-460-2488
Forms you need to make sure are filled out and signed, so you child won’t miss the fun!

Permission
Medical Form (If needed)
Bus Form

Be sure to have your child bring these to school as soon as they are completed, with payment or a note!
Please check all that apply:

- My child needs medication. (Parent is required to furnish medication in the original properly labeled container, correctly authorized on MCPS Form 525-13: Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication. No medicine will be given that is not in compliance with MCPS Regulation JPC-RA: Administration of Medication to Students.)

- My child should take the following over-the-counter medications I have submitted MCPS Form 525-13: Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication. (A doctor’s signature is not required for over-the-counter medications at the outdoor environmental education program only.)

- My child is allergic to insect bites to the extent that he/she needs medical treatment. (If epinephrine is required, attach MCPS Form 525-14: Emergency Care for Management of Anaphylaxis.)

- My child has an anaphylactic reaction to ___________________________ food(s). Attach MCPS Form 525-14: Emergency Care for Management of Anaphylaxis if epinephrine is required.

- My child is allergic to ___________________________.

- My child has special dietary requirements ___________________________. (Some special diets will require that parents supply some food.)

- My child has other special conditions of which you should be aware. They are: ___________________________.

Date of student’s last Tetanus shot _______ / _______ / _______

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- Check if your child is serving as a high school student assistant and list school your child attends:

I give permission for my child to participate in the outdoor education program described in the accompanying letter which I have read. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the staff of the outdoor education center to secure proper treatment for my child.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) ___________________________ Signature, Parent/Guardian ___________________________. Date _______ / _______ / _______.

[Stars indicate areas of interest or importance]
What’s a day like at Outdoor Ed?

- **7:00-7:45**  Rise & shine, prepare for day
- **7:55-8:55**  Breakfast/announcements
- **9:15-11:15**  Instructional Session 1
  - *Treasure Earth,
  - *Confidence Course
  - *History Hike
  - * Predator/Prey
- **12:00-1:00**  Lunch
- **1:15-3:15**  Instructional Session 2
Evening Fun!

- 3:30-4:45  SSL Activity
- 5:00-5:45  Dinner
- 5:45-9:00  Evening Activities
  - Night Hike, Campfire, Wacky Olympics, Nature Bingo, Crafts, Games, *Music With Kenny and Joel*
- 9:05-9:25  Snack
- 10:00  Lights Out
Instructional Activities
Predator/Prey

- Students will experience predator/prey relationships.
- Students will participate in a simulation activity and collect data.
- Students will then analyze the data to better understand the roles of animals in the food chain.
Treasure Earth/GPS

- Working with a team, students will find orienteering poles located at various places at the outdoor education site.

- Topographic maps, compasses and maybe even GPS units may be used to navigate.
Skycroft has a Confidence Course designed to challenge students mentally and physically.

All activities are designed to increase confidence and promote teamwork.
Local History Hike

- Skycroft is located close to the Appalachian Trail and has its own unique history to be explored.
- Observation, exploration, and small group discussion may give you a glimpse of past customs and ways of life.
You Will Arrive for A Hike-in

Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothes for a walk in the woods.
Gresham Hall – Classrooms and Dining Hall
Dining Hall

Family-style meals and everyone gets a chance to be a KP! Will you win the Silver Spoon Award?
## Sample Menu

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Some cabins are large and others are small. Everyone sleeps in bunk beds.
Cabin Interior
Bathrooms

Running water, flush toilets, private showers!
Gymnasium for Recreation or Inclement Weather Activities
The Outdoor Classroom or Amphitheater
What you need to know…

**Finance**
- Cost is $80.00 for students.
- If able, please consider a donation to help support other costs.
- **Money due by February 21, 2018 to science teachers.**
- For any financial or supply needs, contact Mrs. Kemp, Ms. Raynovich, or Ms. Tegeler
- Everyone can afford to go!

**Safety & Discipline**
- Safety is a primary objective.
- Each student is responsible for knowing and following the rules.
And…

- **Departure:**
  - Parents must bring student and luggage (no school bus) to school at 9:00 am.

- School buses transport students and luggage to Skycroft.

- **Return from Camp**
  - Students must be picked up at 1:00 on Wed. or Fri. from Wood. **No riding the school bus home!**

  - Please make arrangements to be picked up on time.
More…

- **Luggage**
  - All your gear must be labeled.
  - One suitcase or duffel bag per child.
  - One sleeping bag or bedroll in a waterproof bag.
  - Check **Equipment List**
  - **NO SHORTS! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- **First Day Lunch**
  - All students must bring a bag lunch.
  - Please label the lunch bag.
  - No glass please.

- **Special Diets**
  - Tell organizers, in writing, of special diets ASAP.
Finally...

- **Student Grouping**
  - Students are assigned to instructional, cabin, and other activity groups.
  - Group assignments will be given out when we arrive at Skycroft.
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Parent Chaperones…

- **Procedures:**
  - All parent chaperones:
    - Have to be fingerprinted prior to the trip
    - Have to take the online training on recognizing, reporting, and preventing child abuse and neglect

Any **interested** chaperones needs to turn in the “Chaperone Disclosure Form” by Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018

Attend a mandatory meeting on March 7, 2018.
Don’t miss the adventure! Turn in your permission slip and payment as soon as you can!