

The Randolph County Outdoor Education Program

Promoting Connections Between Students and Their Communities

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

This spring Randolph County Schools will be offering an outdoor education program to all fifth graders. This program will be a 3-day camping and hands-on learning experience located at the 4-H Camp Pioneer in Beverly. Children will be transported to and from their schools by Randolph County buses and bus drivers. Randolph County teachers, community professionals, parents, and volunteers will provide supervision. Medical staff will be onsite, and Randolph County Schools and Camp Pioneer staff will provide meals and snacks.

Your child(ren)'s class is scheduled to attend camp on _____. When packing with your child, please remember that most of the 3 days will be spent out-of-doors so children need to come prepared to get wet and dirty. Pants, shirts, and shorts should be heavy weight, and children should be ready for walking and being outside. Generally, wool and synthetics are better than cotton. In addition to regular clothes, it would be helpful if your child could bring the following items:

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| ___ 1 waterproof jacket or poncho (heavy duty) | ___ 1 flashlight with extra batteries |
| ___ 1 pair of polyester, fleece or nylon pants | ___ 1 bath towel, washcloth and soap |
| ___ 1 pair comfortable boots or sturdy shoes
and an extra pair of old shoes to wade in | ___ 1 small backpack/ book bag |
| ___ 1 windbreaker or jacket | ___ a sleeping bag or bedding |
| ___ 2 garbage bags (for dirty clothes, etc.) | ___ a pillow |
| ___ sunscreen | ___ 1 water bottle |
| ___ pencils | ___ personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste,
comb, deodorant, etc.) |

If you are unable to provide the above listed items, please let us know and we'll do what we can to help. Please **DO NOT** bring any electronic gear such as gameboys, CD players, etc. (cameras are OK), knives of any kind or additional food.

Attached to this letter you will find a medical emergency form. This provides us with necessary medical information as well as permission for your child to participate in the program. It also asks for parent volunteer help in the evenings and overnight. **It's very important that we have at least one parent for each gender at night to help chaperone.** Please fill the permission/ medical form out, and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

*** There will be informational meetings for parents prior to camp. This is an opportunity to ask questions and meet staff. Notes with dates, times and place will be sent home with your child. ***

It is our hope that your child will be able to participate in this fun and educational experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or call Connie Townsend at 636-1669 or Nathan Hayes at 637-1267. You can also check out our website at www.wvonline.com/north/rcoep/rcoep7.html.

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