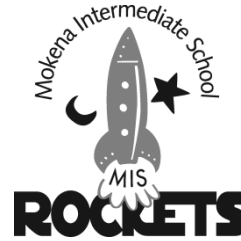


February 24, 2010



Dear Parents,

Plans are underway for this year's 5th Grade Outdoor Education Program. This year's program will take place May 12-14. Once again, two options will be offered: Overnight Trip to Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, Wisconsin; and the Stay-at-Home Program. Information on both options will be found in this packet.

All students must turn in the **Intent Form** to their homeroom teacher by **Friday, March 19**. This will help in our initial group planning. All students are expected to participate in one of the offered programs. Attendance is required on either the Overnight Outdoor Education Trip to Camp Timber-lee **OR** the Stay-at-Home Trips that have been planned for those not choosing to go on the overnight trip. Staying home from school for 3 days **is not an option**.

Outdoor Education, and the concepts that are covered during this experience, are part of the 5th Grade District Curriculum. Students are learning and experiencing a variety of curricular topics during the Outdoor Education Program, whether it is through the overnight trip or the stay-at-home trips.

Students will be given a grade for Outdoor Education, through an assessment rubric, that has been developed by the 5th Grade Teaching Staff. The teachers will be going over this rubric with the students before Outdoor Education, in order for the students to know what is expected of them during this experience. This will be implemented for all students-those on the overnight trip, as well as those on the stay-at-home daily trips.

If a student is not in attendance on any of the three days of Outdoor Education, their rubric and grade will be considered incomplete. In order to receive a grade, a student will then be required to complete a written assignment. The written assignment(s), one for each day missed, will be issued by the homeroom teacher. We hope that by developing this Outdoor Education Participation and Attendance Procedure, we will eliminate the unnecessary absences that occur during this experience.

The Overnight Trip to Camp Timber-lee forms are yellow. They include:

- Camp Timber-lee Questions & Answers
- Outdoor Education Camp Timber-lee Supply List
- Student Rules at Camp Timber-lee (due Friday, April 16)
- Health Permission and Medication Form (due Friday, April 16)

Students attending the Camp Timber-lee Trip will leave MIS on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:30am. Please bring your child to MIS between 7:00 and 7:15am. Students will drop off luggage at the rental truck and then report to the North Gym. After three days and two nights of learning experiences at Timber-lee, students are scheduled to return to school on Friday, May 14. **Pick-up will be at MES at approximately 4:00pm.**

Please take special note of the Health Permission and Medication Form. The Health Permission Form is very important for many reasons. Not only does it help our staff in rare emergencies, but we often can help your child have a better time if we know in advance of such things as restless sleeping. In addition, you should know that **any medication must** be sent in its original labeled container marked with a doctor's prescription. **This should be turned in to the nurse's office no later than Wednesday, April 28.** We must have a prescription
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before school personnel are allowed to dispense medication. Please note on the Permission and Medication Form, that over the counter medication must also come with a doctor's order. These medications will be provided by MIS, but must have doctor approval. Please return this health form to your child's homeroom teacher no later than April 16. **Any student who is not current with his/her Hepatitis B vaccination will not be allowed to attend the overnight trip.** If you have any specific questions about health issues or medications, please contact Mrs. Wolfe, Health Services Coordinator.

Information regarding the Stay-at-Home Trips are on pink. These include:

- Outdoor Education Stay-at-Home Program Permission Slip (due Friday, April 16)
- Irons Oaks Program Waiver (due Friday, April 16)
- Adventure Zone (due Friday, April 16)

Students attending the Stay-at-Home Trips will report to school each day at the regular school start time. Students will attend trips during the school day and will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time.

Our Outdoor Education Parent Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00pm, in the MIS North Gym. The emphasis of this meeting is to give an overview of the Overnight Camp Timber-lee Program. A brief overview of the Stay-at-Home Program will be presented. Following the presentation, a question/answer period will be offered.

As always, thank you for your support in providing your child with an outstanding educational experience. If you have any questions prior to the parent informational meeting, please feel free to contact your student's homeroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Krugman
Principal