

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPING TRIP

Summer, 2011

Dear Parents,

Once again this year we are planning a middle school camping trip. The purpose of this trip is to provide students and teachers a chance to get to know each other better. It allows new to the middle school students to get to know "veteran" students. Also, teachers have found it beneficial to get to know students in a setting more relaxed than the classroom. The activities we have planned are designed for not only socialization, but a little learning too! In the past, it has been a highlight of the school year.

We will be leaving on Thursday, September 22nd at 8:30 AM and returning to Benchmark by 4:00 PM on Friday, September 23rd. Transportation will be by bus. Our destination is Camp Mason, a YMCA camp located near the Delaware Water Gap in Blairstown, New Jersey. The cost of the trip this year will be \$175. We want all students to be able to attend, so if the cost presents a problem, please let us know and we will try to work something out.

Please complete the permission slip below and return it along with a check for \$175 (made payable to "Benchmark School") by **Friday, September 9th**. We must have all permission slips by then so that we can confirm the number of participating students with Camp Mason.

If you have any questions regarding the camping trip, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eric C. MacDonald, Ed.D.
Asst. Middle School Head

Middle School Camping Trip Permission Slip

_____ has my permission to participate in the middle school camping trip to Camp Mason. I understand that transportation is by bus and that students will leave around 8:30 AM, Thursday, September 22nd. I understand that I need to make arrangements for transportation when my child arrives back at Benchmark by 4:00 PM on Friday, September 23rd. I also understand that the cost is \$175, and that checks may be made payable to "Benchmark School."

I understand the responsibility to check my child's person and luggage to ensure that he/she brings only items that would be appropriate to bring to school. I will give any medication my son/daughter takes to a chaperone along with written directions for when and how to administer it.

Parent's signature: _____