



Little Red School House & Elisabeth Irwin High School

August, 2007

Dear Fifth and Sixth Grade Families,

This year's outdoor education program for the fifth and sixth grades is planned for the Greenkill Outdoor Environmental Education Center in Huguenot, New York. This trip is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th to Friday, September 28nd. Many of the fifth and sixth grade teachers will accompany the group. We will leave promptly at 8:00AM on Wednesday the 26th and will return home around 3:00PM on Friday the 28nd.

The Greenkill Outdoor Environmental Education Center is located five miles north of Port Jervis, New York, and is part of the YMCA-YWCA Camping Services of Greater New York. Accommodations are modern; students will be staying in small groups in dormitory type buildings. While at Greenkill, students will be involved in a variety of experiences, which emphasize team building, natural history, ecology, sensitivity to the environment, and physical activity.

Thanks to an allocation from the Student Activities Fund. The cost per child is \$300. This includes room, board, and transportation. Please feel free to call me with questions about payment.

Please return the permission slip/payment form and Greenkill's "Program Participation Form," by Friday September 14th. Payment may be sent to the business office or returned to your child's homeroom teacher by the 14th.

If you have questions about the trip program please call Middle School PE teacher Larry Kaplan or me.

Sincerely,

Mark Silberberg
Middle School Principal

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Middle School Outdoor Education Trip
Medical Information and Authorization Forms; Clothing Checklist

A separate medical form for Greenkill is not required; your LREI medical form is sufficient. **The LREI medical form and all other health-related forms should be returned to School Nurse Kitty Highstein prior to the start of school.**

In the event that our cell phones are not working, it is the policy of Greenkill to call the parent (or delegate) collect before taking the child to the doctor or hospital. Greenkill uses Mercy Community Hospital, which is located six miles from the camp in Port Jervis, New York. Your signature at the bottom of the "Program Participation Form" will permit medical care to be provided in the event that you cannot be reached and your child needs emergency treatment. Your signature is required for your child to attend. Please return this form, along with payment and the payment form, by Friday September 14th.

Enclosed is a list that can be used while packing for our three-day trip. Students should bring this list with them, as it is helpful to have it when packing at Greenkill. Students may only bring one piece of luggage, clearly labeled with their name. Students may also bring a small bag to carry onto the bus with them.

A sleeping bag is recommended. If she/he does not have one she/he can bring sheets. If your child brings a sleeping bag, we recommend that s/he also bring a bottom sheet as well. Blankets are provided. All students need to bring a pillowcase.

When choosing what to bring to Greenkill, it is important to remember that it will be approximately 10 to 20 degrees colder there than it is in New York City. The days may be warm and the nights quite cool. We participate in all scheduled activities rain or shine. It is important to remember a raincoat or poncho and some sort of hat. Extra socks are a must.

Please feel free to call Mark Silberberg if you have packing questions.

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CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Top and bottom sheet or sleeping bag and bottom sheet
1 pillow case
1 towel
1 washcloth
Soap in a box
Toothpaste and toothbrush
Comb/brush
Pajamas
Changes of underwear (4)
Hankies or tissues
Lots of socks
1-2 pairs of shorts (in season)
Thermal underwear (in season)
1-2 pair of long pants
2 pairs of comfortable shoes or sneakers or boots
2 shirts
Sweater or sweatshirt
Raincoat or poncho and rain hat
Warm coat or jacket
Gloves or mittens (in season)
Water proof boots
Laundry or plastic bag
Chapstick
Water Bottle
Medication (must be given to nurse)
Camera and film (optional)
Flashlight (optional)
Book, cards, games (optional)
Insect repellent

Do Not Bring: Food, soda, gum, candy, knives, radios, or electronic games.

Remember that we will be doing lots of walking and hiking so comfortable shoes are essential. We will be playing in the Sports Center so sneakers are important. All activities will take place rain or shine so do not forget your raincoat.

Fifth/Sixth Grade Greenkill Trip Permission Slip

My child, _____, in grade _____, has permission to attend the trip to Greenkill and to participate in all activities from Wednesday, September 26th through Friday, September 28nd.

Parent's Signature

Date _____

Please indicate below if your child has any allergies, special dietary needs, or if s/he will have a birthday while we are away. Please note that Greenkill's kitchen provides a range of food, but will only provide limited vegetarian meals.

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Payment Form

I can pay \$_____ of the \$300 total the cost of the trip for my child_____

Date _____

Parent's signature

Please attach a check or forward payment to the Business Office. Please feel free to call Mark Silberberg with questions about payment.



Greenkill Outdoor Environmental Education Center
YMCA Camping Services of Greater New York

Program Participation Form

School _____ Dates of Greenkill Experience: _____

Students Name: _____ Male / Female (*Please circle*)
Last First MI

Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Greenkill Birthday! Yes / No (*Please circle*)

Contact information:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____
Home: () _____ Work: () _____ Cell: () _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____
Home: () _____ Work: () _____ Cell: () _____

Food / Dietary Needs: _____

Please notify and talk with the school regarding dietary needs. The school will coordinate with Greenkill to ensure each students needs are met.

Health Concerns: It is extremely important that the school be advised of any/all health care matters regarding your child. Please note here any information that will be important for the Greenkill instructional staff to be aware of in order for them to provide a safe and positive experience for your child. _____

Medication: Does your child need to take medication? Please circle one Yes/No

If yes, please complete all necessary forms as required by the school.

Limited participation: Please understand that the students will be participating in Outdoor Environmental Education program which will include some physical activities, it is important to inform school of any activities which your child should not, or might have difficulty participating in: _____

Emergency Authorization REQUIRED

This health history is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all activities in the Greenkill Outdoor Environmental Education at YMCA Camping Services program except as noted above. **Permission to Treat:** I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the school and/or YMCA to provide routine health care; to administer medications; to order x-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for me or my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the school and/or YMCA to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This completed form may be photocopied for trips out of camp.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Photo Release (*optional*)

In consideration of the goodwill, public service and community aid provided by the YMCA of Greater New York, which I support and from which I have received benefit, I hereby grant permission to the YMCA to use my name, to take and publish photographs, videotapes, motion pictures and recordings. I acknowledge that you will be the sole owner of all rights arising out of their use for all purposes. I understand that I shall receive no compensation from their use from any sources whatsoever.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____