



August 2017

Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

We are excited to inform you of a fifth grade experience. We are planning an Outdoor Environmental Education (OEE) experience **Wednesday, September 20th through Friday, September 22nd** at Storer Camps in Napoleon, Michigan. The Outdoor Environmental Education is not just “camp,” but it is an educational experience with important implications for students both in the outdoors and in the classroom. Our program is designed to be an extension of our school program and focuses on:

1. Enabling students to understand and experience the relationship between themselves and the natural environment and their roles as stewards of the earth
2. Strengthening social relationships between:
 - a) Teachers and students
 - b) Students and their peers
3. Giving students a sense of independence and self-identity
4. Giving all students a chance to succeed in a non-graded environment
5. Fostering an attitude of inquiry in the student
6. Encouraging openness and active participation in outdoor activities

A few common concerns:

- Every family will be contacted in September by your child’s fifth grade teacher with updates.
- **Departure will be Wednesday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m.** from the Lakeshore entrance
- **Return to school on Friday, September 22 by 2:30 p.m. Students will be dismissed from school when they return.**
- Transportation will be via bus.
- **Cost will be \$235 per student. Forms and payment are due Monday, September 11th.**
- Housing at the Outdoor Environmental Education Center is in heated cabins with capacity of sixteen individuals. Restrooms and shower facilities are also available.
- A qualified health officer lives at the Center. This person is on call for emergency situations. All medications will be administered at needed times by the health officer. Prescription medications must be in the original container labeled with original instructions.
- Special diets can be accommodated. Please let us know.

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The following forms are included:

- **GPA Permission/Medical Slip**
- **A YMCA Storer Camp Health Forms**
 - Please make sure to fill out all pages (front and back) of the Storer Health Forms. These forms are mandatory and must be filled out in order for your child to attend camp.
 - The Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Diabetes forms are to be filled out, if needed. Please review all forms carefully.

*** Forms and payment must be turned into the school office no later than September 11, 2017.**

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Didi DeBoer



STORER CAMP PERMISSION SLIP AND MEDICAL

Child's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

_____ has my permission to attend Storer Camp in
Napoleon, Michigan on September 20-22, 2017.

Parent's Signature

MEDICAL PERMISSION SLIP

I give my permission for _____ to be given any and all medical
(Child's name)
treatment and care in the event of an accident/emergency while on the Storer Camp trip.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Medical Insurance Information:

Name of Insurance Company _____

Policy Numbers _____

**Please include a copy of your insurance card with this form- front and
back and return to the school office by September 11th.**

Supply List for 5th Grade Trip to Camp Storer

Bedding:

- ❖ Sleeping bag
- ❖ Pillow and pillowcase, if desired
- ❖ Twin size fitted sheet (to put over the plastic mattress)

Clothing:

- ❖ One pair of pajamas
- ❖ Socks(at least 4-5 pair) and underwear
- ❖ Shirts (long and short sleeve)
- ❖ Two or three pairs of pants
- ❖ Shorts
- ❖ Bathing suit & flip flops
- ❖ Warm jacket and sweater (works best to layer for cooler weather in the morning)
- ❖ Rain gear
- ❖ Boots - waterproof
- ❖ At least one pair of tennis shoes
- ❖ Baseball hat or sun hat

Toilet Articles:

- ❖ Toothpaste and toothbrush
- ❖ Soap
- ❖ Small bottles of shampoo & conditioner
- ❖ Bath towel
- ❖ Hair brush

General Equipment:

- ❖ **Water Bottle**
- ❖ Flashlight
- ❖ Backpack for day activities
- ❖ Large black plastic bag for wet/dirty items
- ❖ Sunscreen

Optional:

- ❖ Camera
- ❖ Book
- ❖ Games

DO NOT BRING:

- ❖ Cell Phones/iPad – electronic free trip
- ❖ Music devices
- ❖ Food
- ❖ Gum