

August 25, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of Fusion students:

The Fusion team is heading for a camping adventure! On Thursday, September 14, we will be traveling to Champlain Bridge area for an overnight camping trip. On Thursday morning, the team will travel to [Ft. Ticonderoga](#) for activities and lunch. Then, Fusion will travel to DAR State Park to set up camp, have dinner and a whole team camp fire. On Friday morning we will tour the museum and grounds at Crown Point State Park, have lunch, possibly walk the Champlain Bridge and return to BRMS in time for us to take the regular bus runs home. What is wonderful about this trip? It's early in the year and provides an excellent opportunity for us to build community, **and** to visit historically valuable sites residing on one of the world's greatest natural resources – Lake Champlain.

PERSONAL AND GROUP SUPPLIES:

Students are forming small groups as “camping families.” Before our trip, these groups will meet regularly to plan the two meals (supper and breakfast) and to assign camping gear and food to their group members. We are asking that “camping families” stay within a budget for their meal-planning so that the cost of the food is shared fairly. We are reminding students to keep menus simple and healthy to ease cooking and clean-up! Each student is responsible for bringing the following: **BROWN BAG LUNCHES** for Thursday and Friday, and **SNACKS** for both days; **CAMPING EQUIPMENT** as agreed upon within the “camping family;” and **PERSONAL GEAR**.

OUR CHAPERONES

Each “family” group must have at least one chaperone who will share the campsite and the meals with the group. We appreciate the fact that chaperoning for two days and a night is a major commitment - not everyone can take all that time. So we ask if parents/guardians could commit to at least one of the following times:

- a) chaperone for Thursday, Sept. 14 only OR
- b) chaperone for Friday, Sept. 15 only OR
- c) chaperone for overnight on Thursday, Sept. 14

(Overnight chaperoning responsibilities include helping the “camping family” cook their meals)

If you are available to chaperone the entire trip, or two of the three times listed above – **terrific!** Any help is, of course, greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer as an adult chaperone, please let us know by indicating this on the student permission slip or sending a note. Thank you so much for considering how to help us out! **A trip like this cannot happen without your participation.**

Expenses for the trip

The cost of the trip will be \$25, which includes admittance to Ft. Ticonderoga and Crown Point, as well as the DAR State Park fee. **This fee does NOT include food for the camping family or individual snacks;** groups will decide their menus in the weeks before the trip.

****If you anticipate this trip to be a financial hardship for your family, please contact us or indicate on the permission form. This overnight represents an educational opportunity and we want every student to go. The team has scholarships available.**

We are looking forward to our first venture together this year as a team.

Sincerely, Tom, Robyn, Bryant and Lisa

PERMISSION SLIP (next page)

****Please do not forget to fill out the Emergency Information and Medical Release Form**

Group Equipment Check

Our family is willing and able to lend the following CRITICAL group equipment:

_____ two burner camp stove (propane)

_____ cooler

_____ Pots or Pans or Utensils (please circle all that you can supply)

CAMPING GEAR – GROUP EQUIPMENT

You will be camping in lean-to's, so a tent is optional.

Stove (should be a large, two burner stove)

Cooler & ice

Bucket & sponge

Flashlight

Lantern

Matches (to chaperone)

Plates & cups

Dishwashing detergent, scrubber

Two plastic containers for cleaning dishes

Dish towels, paper towels

Pots & pans

Cooking utensils, spatula

A few garbage bags

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Pillow, sleeping bag, sleeping pad

Clothes, including: fleece jacket,
rain gear, sneakers,

2 pairs socks

Toiletries

Clipboard or something to write on

Several pencils

****There are showers near the campsites,
available for several quarters.**

Personal Snacks

Really, the only guidelines for snacks that they are in keeping with BRMS guidelines: no candy, soft drinks, highly messy or odorous foods and drinks.

Fusion Overnight Field Trip
September 14-15, 2017

PERMISSION FORM

I give my daughter/son, _____, permission to ride the school bus in order to participate in the Fusion overnight field trip on Thursday, September 14, and Friday, September 15. We expect to be back for the usual 2:40 p.m. bus run Friday.

_____ Wahoo! I would be able to chaperone my son's/daughter's "family" for the entire camping trip, from 7:30 AM September 14 to 2:40 PM September 15, **including the overnight**

_____ Yes, I would be able to chaperone my daughter's/son's "family" on the camping trip for the following time period(s):

_____ on Thursday, Sept. 14: Ft. Ticonderoga (8am to 4:30pm)

_____ on Thursday night, Sept. 14-15: DAR State Park (4:30pm to 8am)

_____ on Friday, Sept. 15: Crown Point Historical Site (8am to 2pm)

Payment Information (check the appropriate category):

_____ Included with this permission form is a check or cash to cover the \$25 fee for the field trip

*(if your family is able to pay a couple of dollars more to defray costs for scholarships and chaperone fees that would be helpful - thank you)

_____ Payment will be submitted on or before **Friday, September 8**

_____ Our family is requesting a scholarship (feel free to contact Mr. Pless directly if that works better for your family)

Phone number where I can be reached _____

and/or email address; _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

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