

June 1, 2025

Dear Form 2 Parents,

Welcome to Form 2!

We are excited to share with you the following information about our Form 2 trip to Snow Pond Center for the Arts (home of the [New England Music Camp](#)) in Sidney, Maine.

Snow Pond Center for the Arts and New England Music Camp has been operating since 1937 under the direction of my family and where I currently serve as Managing Director and spend my summers. It thrills me that for the third year in a row we get to welcome KO into our special NEMC family. It is a magical place filled with passion, peace, and natural beauty.

Form 2 is momentous. As Form 2 students, this trip is the beginning of their journey at KO. Students will get to know new peers, build relationships with their advisors, and lay the foundation for a year of self-discovery. In Form 2, we will work together to help students build their authentic sense of self. They will begin to understand their own identities even more while starting to hone in on how they want this sense of self to manifest in our community and beyond. Our fall trip is an essential step in their journey.

We intentionally focus on providing a shared, off-campus community-building experience. We will engage in joyful activities and develop memories that will last a life-time. Such an off-campus moment also provides a juncture for introspection and social-emotional development.

For your planning purposes, please note some **preliminary information** regarding our Trip:

- Dates
 - Departure → Leave KO on the morning of September 10, 2025
 - Return → Return to KO during the afternoon of September 12, 2025
- There is a cost associated with the trip that will be due by **August 29, 2025**
 - The cost of the trip will include transportation and all trip fees. We will share the total camp fee as soon as possible!
 - As with all of our KO outings that require payment, we will utilize a **scale model**: Pay what you are able. Some families will pay the full amount, some will offer a bit less based on needs, and some will choose to donate more to support another family.
- There will be documents to be completed by **August 29, 2025**.
 - All **KO Permission Forms** and **Health Forms** must be reviewed and signed in the *Blackbaud Portal*.
 - All Snow Pond Forms must be reviewed and signed. These will be available via the summer forms and information website.

- Any updated **student physicals** must also be completed and turned in and accepted by the School Nurse before students are able to partake in the trip. Questions about required KO Physical should be directed to the KO School Nurse email nurse@kingswoodoxford.org

The Advising team and I are hard at work preparing for our trip! As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly at wiggin.m@kingswoodoxford.org.

As you plan for the summer and the start of the school year, please mark your calendars with two important events. For new KO families, the Meet and Greet will be on **Thursday, August 21**. This event for new students and families will begin at 6:30 pm in Roberts Theater and should finish by 8:00 pm. For all Form 2 families, the Middle School Picnic will be on **Friday, September 5**.

I look forward to seeing you all in August and starting the school year off with a bang!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Wiggin', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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