



Hanover Township Public Schools Memorial Junior School

61 Highland Avenue
Whippany, New Jersey 07981



August 15, 2019

Dear *Future* 6th Grade Viking Parents/Guardians:

I would like to thank you for attending Memorial Junior School's *Future* 6th Grade Viking Orientation Program at the end of the school year and the 6th Grade Open House in August. It is always a pleasure to meet and greet our future MJS students, parents and guardians. For those of you that weren't able to attend *Future* Vikings Night, one of the topics discussed was our 6th grade Outdoor Education Program. This is an exciting program that has been a 6th grade tradition at Memorial Junior School for over 60 years. Currently it is held at Fairview Lake YMCA in Stillwater, New Jersey. The trip is scheduled to take place October 16th, 17th, and 18th.

The Outdoor Education Program is a valuable experience that takes students out of the traditional classroom to learn without books and away from the distractions of their everyday activities. Many activities center on teaching students about living "green" and respecting our environment. In addition, students have various learning opportunities to participate in, such as boating, lake study, Geocaching and hiking to the ridge of the Appalachian Trail. Various team-building activities are also included. We urge every student in the 6th grade to attend this fun and exciting 3-day field trip.

In order to help us defray a portion of expenses, each student who attends the program is assessed a fee of \$160.00, which includes lodging, meals, and evening programs. Please be aware, as per Board Policy #2340, "No pupil shall be denied an opportunity to participate in a field trip because of financial need, and the Board of Education shall incur such costs." Parents who are in need of financial assistance should contact me or the main office at Memorial Junior School.

The Outdoor Education Registration forms (permission slip, medical forms, parent volunteer, etc.) are available online through the Memorial Junior School link on the district website, (www.hanovertwpschools.com). Please print the permission slip and return it with your payment, to Memorial Junior School via your child at the beginning of Sept. Checks should be made payable to Memorial Junior School. Medical information and to sign up to be a chaperone are easily completed using the online links in Google Forms found on the website also. In addition, please be reminded that a special orientation meeting for all parents regarding the Resident Outdoor Education Program will be held September 23rd at MJS @ 7 pm.

I look forward to meeting with you to share information about this exciting, educational program. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please call me at 973-515-2427.

Sincerely,

Brenda Talbert
6th Grade Team Leader and
Resident Outdoor Education Advisor



MEMORIAL JUNIOR SCHOOL
Outdoor Education Program
Permission Slip

(Please return to MJS by Friday, Sept. 27th)

I give permission for my son/daughter _____
(circle one) (please print child's name)

to participate in the Resident Outdoor Education Program at the Fairview Lake YMCA
on October 16th, 17th, and 18th.

Parent/Guardian Signature

*Please make sure to enclose a check for \$160.00
to cover the cost of the trip.*

(Make check payable to MJS)

Thank you.

_____ My son/daughter will not attend the Resident Outdoor Education Program.
(circle one)

Parent/Guardian Signature

For internal use only:

Paid by _____
Cash

Check #

Money Order

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Outdoor Education Program

(Place this sheet in the top of student's suitcase as a checklist when packing.)

Suggested Packing List

	Packed at home	Packed at camp
sleeping bag and/or blanket & bed linens	_____	_____
pillow	_____	_____
2 bath towels	_____	_____
1 wash cloth	_____	_____
toothbrush & tooth paste	_____	_____
soap and shampoo	_____	_____
small package of tissues	_____	_____
laundry bag	_____	_____
pajamas or other sleeping attire	_____	_____
bathrobe and slippers (optional)	_____	_____
underwear (several changes)	_____	_____
2 pair jeans	_____	_____
1 pair of shorts	_____	_____
2 shirts	_____	_____
4-6 pair of socks	_____	_____
2 pair of shoes	_____	_____
sweater or sweatshirt	_____	_____
flashlight (w/ extra batteries)	_____	_____
heavy jacket, hat, gloves	_____	_____
waterproof jacket/poncho, rainhat, and boots	_____	_____
<i>(rain repellent clothes are not enough)</i>		
Water bottle	_____	_____
Drawstring Bag	_____	_____

Because of numerous food allergies, students are not allowed to bring snacks for their cabins!

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General Information Regarding Luggage/Student Pickup

Tuesday, October 15th

- **Starting at 4:00pm, luggage can start being dropped off**
- **Our district trailer will be parked in the circle in front of the school**
- **All luggage, including adult chaperone's, will go on the trailer**
- **No luggage may be brought to school on the school bus**
- **When loading the trailer, we are asked to carry our bags on as far as we can to the inside of the trailer**

Wednesday, October 16th

- **If any students, or parents/guardians, need to bring their luggage in the morning, the trailer will be available until 7:45am**
- **Once student report to their regular scheduled 1st Period class, the trailer will be driven to Fairview Lake YMCA and will be waiting for us when we arrive**
- **After eating lunch at camp, students will find get their luggage and move into their cabins**

Friday, October 18th

- **The trailer with luggage will return to school just after noon on Friday**
- **Luggage will be place in the commons and ready for the students when they arrive back to MJS**
- **The buses will arrive back at MJS around 2:30pm**
- **If a parent/guardian is present, students may be taken home as we arrive back at school**
- **If a parent/guardian is not present, students will be dismissed at 2:40pm like a traditional school day**
- **Luggage may not go home on school buses**
- **The school will remain open until around 9:00pm so students may come back and get their luggage**