

Maine Studies
Grades 6 & 7
Baxter State Park Trip



May 23-24: 7-2/Allen
May 24-25: 7-1/Elkins
May 25-26: 6-1/Russell
May 26-27: 6-2/Pardy

Dear Families,

Soon your student will be going on a Maine Studies camping trip with our school. This trip is designed to give students an opportunity to apply classroom knowledge to the outdoors in Maine. This is a rare opportunity and our community feels very proud that we are able to continue to support this program. We are especially excited because this is the first time since the start of the pandemic that we are returning to an actual camping trip!

PAPERWORK: Please read this packet thoroughly, fill out all pages, and return all pages marked "Return" on or before the due date. Please keep the papers marked "Keep". Turning in your paperwork by the due date will save me the work of calling families and chasing paperwork, and this will be greatly appreciated! Because I need a lot of time to organize and process all of this paperwork, make groups, prepare medically for the nurse, etc, etc, please return your paperwork on or before the due date of **APRIL 1st**.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April 1: ALL Paperwork Due

May 2 @ 6pm: Optional Parent Informational Meeting in the cafeteria

May 2 @ 7pm: Mandatory Chaperone Meeting in the cafeteria

May 9-11 Duffle/Gear Bags to Students during class

May 10: Medicine Check In to the nurse

****May 19** beginning at 9:00: Pull Gear from Basement

May 20 Gear Bags Check in/Put on Stage by Homeroom (Day packs come with them on trip day)

****May 22 @ 3pm** Food Preparation in CDS Kitchen

****May 22 @ 5pm** Pack Trailer outside Gym:

Trip Day Arrival Time: 7:45 on your trip day (DO NOT RIDE THE BUS) Go directly to your homeroom

Bus Departure Time: 8:00 am

Bus Return Time: 3 pm for parent pick up/we will not hold busses for students

****May 27 @ 3pm** Unpack Trailer

**** Indicates that adult volunteers are needed for this piece of the trip work. Please let me know which pieces you are able to help with!**

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MEDICAL CONCERNS: Sometimes families withhold turning in the medical paperwork because they think a medicine may change before the trip day, if this is the case, please turn it in now, as it is, and we can always make those changes via email or phone before the trip. It's most important that I get all the paperwork now so I can begin processing the paperwork in a timely manner!

Duffle Bag Explanation: Since we are doing two grades back to back this year, there will not be enough green duffel bags for all students. I am going to assign the duffel bags to grade 6 students first, then move on to grade 7 students. Any students who do not get a green duffel bag, will get a tagged steel liner bag for their gear that will travel up in the trailer. This is what will need to come in on gear check in day. Their day packs will come with them on trip day.

CHAPERONES: As of right now, I am very low on chaperones. If you are thinking of going on the trip, please strongly consider it, as it is the chaperones willingness that makes these trips possible! On day 1 of this trip, we go hiking in Baxter State Park and we are not able to bring the school bus into the park, so we rely on chaperones and their vehicles to transport us into the park for hiking/exploring. If you are interested in going, but would rather not spend the night, that would be a great asset for our trip as well! Please let me know if you are able to chaperone even if it is for just the first day.

My plan for the trip week is to go up with the first group, stay the week, and come home on Friday with the last group! What a lucky person I am!

Please visit <http://cdsmainestudies.weebly.com/> for all forms and updates. If you have questions please contact me at w.stone@cdsedu.org. I am always happy to help your or your students with any questions or concerns about the trip!

Sincerely,

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