

5th Grade Camp Grady Spruce Information and Forms Packet

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Dear 5th Grade Parents,

We are getting ready for our 5th grade trip to Camp Grady Spruce on December 11th-13th. Included in this packet is important information about our trip and forms that must be returned your child to attend. Please read the packet carefully and keep the informational pages for your reference. **Return the registration and health forms located in this packet no later than Friday, October 27th.**

The cost of the trip which includes the 3 day stay at camp as well as a camp t-shirt is \$90. Please make payment in the form of a check payable to Blanton Elementary no later than December 1st.

Please know that we would like all students to attend as the camp experience is integrated into our science curriculum and the students will benefit greatly from the trip. If you have questions or concerns about your child attending camp please contact your homeroom teacher, Ms. Passons, or Nurse Tracy to discuss. If you are planning on not having your child attend the camp trip, please contact your child's teacher to notify them. If we do not receive your child's paperwork by November 1st we will assume they are not attending. Students who do not attend camp must still attend school on those days. The students will receive grade appropriate curriculum similar to what they normally would on those days.

We will need about 24 parent chaperones to go on the trip with us. Parent chaperones stay in the cabins with the students and are responsible, along with two other parents, for a group of about 12 students. Parents must be background checked no later than October 20th and able to attend all 3 days of camp. If you are interested in being a chaperone you must fill out the Camp Chaperone Interest Form (available at camp meeting and on camp link on website) and return by October 20th. There are usually more volunteers than needed and we do a lottery system to choose the parents who will chaperone.

If you have any questions about camp please contact your child's teacher or Angie Passons, the 5th grade camp coordinator. On Ms. Passons' website you will find a link to camp information and forms.

We look forward to this awesome experience with our students to learn and grow while at Camp Grady Spruce!!!

Sincerely,

The 5th Grade Team

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Doug Mauldin

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Camp Dates are Monday, December 11th- Wednesday, December 13th. We will be departing Blanton on Monday, December 11th at approximately 9:00am and returning on Wednesday December 13th around 3:00pm.
- Please make arrangements to bring your child to school with their luggage on Monday morning and pick them up on Wednesday afternoon. If you are unable to do this, please contact your child's teacher to discuss alternatives.
- Students must bring a sack lunch for Monday, December 11th. All other meals are provided. They need to pack it in their backpack they bring on the bus, not in their luggage.
- Attached is a suggested packing list. Start making sure your child has all needed supplies and necessities for camp. All items should be labeled with students' name.
- Students are not allowed to bring electronic devices, including ipods, cell phones, e-readers, electronic games, etc..
- All students' bags should be labeled with masking tape and their name.
- Sleeping bags or bedrolls should be inside a plastic garbage bag and labeled with masking tape and name.
- In addition to the supplies listed on the packing list, students must bring a backpack to keep a water bottle, journal (we will give this to them), pencil, and other necessities while at camp (and their sack lunch for Wednesday).
- All medications must be turned in to the nurse along with the properly completed paperwork (attached) a week prior to leaving for camp. Otherwise we will not be able to accept them or administer them while at camp. Students may not carry their own medications to camp or keep them, with the exception of inhalers but only if they can demonstrate proper use to nurse prior to leaving. Please carefully read over the attached medication letter from Nurse Tracy. You must return the Medical Report and Permission form by October 27th. The DISD Parent/Physician Request for Administration of Medication by School form is needed only if your child needs medications at camp. This includes any over the counter medications and prescription medications. The medications need be turned in to the nurse by December 4th. The nurse will not be going, but the Camp Staff is CPR and First Aid certified, and the Camp Director is a Paramedic and lives on site. The 5th grade teachers will give medications per the instructions on the paperwork you submit. If you have any questions about medical needs, please contact Nurse Tracy as she will be briefing us on medical needs so we can attend to them at camp.
- Also there is a store that students may purchase souvenirs, snacks, and drinks and you may send money with your child so they may purchase things. If you choose to do so, please be sure their money is in a ziplock or envelope labeled with their name.
- We need lots of additional supplies to make camp a success- including craft items, snacks, etc. If you would like to make a donation or help prepare supplies there will be a sign-up genius sent out soon.