Sixth Grade Greenkill Trip - 2015

Information Sheet

Dear Parents

The visit to the Greenkill Education Center will be an extended field trip of four school days and three nights. We will be leaving on a Tuesday morning and returning on a Friday afternoon, using chartered coach buses. The students will be accompanied by a nurse, teachers and other staff members of the Huntington School District.

When?
Trip #1: Red and White Teams (February 3-6, 2015)
Trip #2: Blue Team and STEM School (February 10-13, 2015)

Where?
The Greenkill Center is located about ten miles north of Port Jervis, NY. It is about a three hour bus ride from Huntington.

Why?
The Greenkill Center offers a unique program that we feel greatly enhances a student's understanding of environmental science. The Center provides an opportunity to investigate the typical environments of the mainland, which do not exist on Long Island. The staff is trained educators that work with groups of ten to twelve students. The program is designed to develop an understanding of the interrelationships of all living things. The site consists of an area where students can easily visit ponds, streams, rivers, meadows, forests, and rock formations.

What are the facilities like?
The Greenkill Center is owned by the YMCA of Greater NY. The students will be staying in modern, heated lodges. Each building is designed to accommodate 48 students plus the adult "house parents". The lodges are within 50 yards of the dining hall, meeting hall and infirmary. Also, within walking distance are a number of buildings used as teacher centers. There is a large gymnasium, which is available during inclement weather. The entire Center encompasses about 1000 acres. The center will be providing all of our meals. (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and an evening snack)

Cost?
The per student fee for this year's trip is $300. This includes bus transportation, lodging, meals and instruction from naturalists. We are receiving aid from the State Education Department and have been able to reduce the fee. All checks should be made payable to HUNTINGTON OUTDOOR EDUCATION. Our final deadline for money and health forms is Friday, November 21st.
**What do I need to do?**
If you would like your child to participate, we ask that you do the following:

1. **Pay the student fee of $300.** We are asking that the fee be paid in full by Friday, November 21st. If you prefer, you may pay in installments. The first installment of $100 will be due October 24th, the second payment of $100 will be due November 7th, and the final payment of $100 on Friday, November 21st. As long as we receive the total amount of $300 by Friday, November 21 your child may attend the trip.

2. **Complete and return the Health Form.** You will receive these forms shortly. The due date for these forms is also, Friday, November 21st. Please be aware that the last page MUST be completed by your family doctor.

**What happens if my child chooses not to participate?**
Those students not going to the Greenkill Center are required to attend school. The focus of instruction during these four days will be environmental education. There will be a field trip and two assembly programs provided for them.

**Who can I contact if I have questions?**
- **Red/White Team:** Ms. VonVange at avonvange@hufsd.edu
- **Blue Team & STEM:** Ms. Persichilli at ppersichilli@hufsd.edu

Medical Questions: Mrs. Scannello at escannello@hufsd.edu

There will also be a parent informational meeting on October 9th, at 6:00 pm at Woodhull School.

Sincerely,

Ms. Persichilli
Ms. VonVange
Trip Coordinators