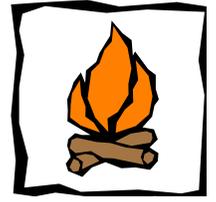




5th Grade Outdoor Education

(5th Grade Camp)



March 6, 2019

Dear Families,

It's time to start thinking about camp! Fifth graders at Morse are able to participate in a three-day outdoor education program. We will be traveling to Camp Michindoh located in Hillsdale, Michigan on Monday, June 3, 2019 and returning to Morse on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. All fifth graders are invited to attend and it truly is an unforgettable experience.

Fifth graders, fifth grade teachers, and camp counselors will travel by charter bus to Hillsdale, Michigan and the home of Camp Michindoh (www.michindoh.com).

I understand that you may have concerns and questions regarding camp; letting your child go away overnight for a few days, health concerns, dietary concerns, and payment questions. This is completely normal and to be expected. Hopefully I can ease some of your concerns by informing you early of what camp is like.

First, we hire college aged-students, guest teachers, and high school seniors to be the counselors. These adults and several Morse staff members, including fifth grade teachers and our principal Mrs. Zender, provide supervision 24-hours a day. The staff members at Michindoh are college-educated adults who are dedicated to outdoor education and children. Michindoh provides our well-balanced meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), along with offering a variety of vegetarian items. Every year, certain students have dietary restrictions that are accommodated by the Michindoh food service people.

There is a 24-hour health center on campus at Michindoh that allows students to get medications and proper treatment at any time of the day. A trained professional runs the health center. The staff is very conscientious of children requiring medication and is very organized about administering it to them.

This year our Outdoor Education Program will cost \$165, which covers tuition, room and board for the three days. As most of you know, students could begin fundraising for camp as fourth graders. Your balance is \$165.00 unless your child sold pizza kits this year and last year. If you sold pizza kits, I will have your updated balance at our meeting in a couple of weeks. Camp can be paid for by cash, checks made out to Morse Elementary, or online with credit or debit cards using PaySchools, which will be available after Spring break.

Typically, camp is paid for in two installments - one in mid-April and another in May. However, you are more than welcome to pay the entire balance sooner or pay in smaller installments over a longer period of time. All balances must be paid in full by May 24, 2019.

I hope this letter answers some of your questions about the fifth-grade outdoor education program. On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 6pm at Morse Elementary, I will be hosting an informational meeting about our camp experience. Then, on Tuesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:30pm at Morse we will have a meeting that is conducted by the Outdoor Education Director at Michindoh. This meeting will be very informative.

If you have any questions before our meeting, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mark Sackett
Morse Outdoor Education Coordinator
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Please complete and return the bottom portion to your child's teacher as soon as possible in order to secure your spot at Camp! Thanks! ☺

_____ Yes, my child is planning to attend camp

_____ No, my child is not planning on attending camp

_____ Maybe. I am unsure if my child will attend camp as of today.

Student Name _____

Teacher (circle one): Morrow Sackett Versteegden

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email(s) (to receive camp reminders and balance updates):

