

John F. Kennedy Outdoor Education

Monday, September 10th

Last Name: A - K

INSURANCE COVERAGE

State of Illinois law requires that all students going on field trips must have accident and accidental death benefits included within their insurance coverage. No student will be permitted to go on any field trip without this coverage.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with some very specific and valuable information related to our seventh grade Outdoor Education Program scheduled for Monday, September 10th at Camp Duncan YMCA Camp in Volo, Illinois.

Included in this booklet is information, a “sample” schedule, a list of items we *recommend* each student brings, a list of those items students *should not* bring with them, and an overview of some of the rules and expectations for student behavior.

Please turn in together:

- completed and signed forms: Student Registration/Permission Form and a Medical Information Form.
- payment: cost of the extended-day trip is \$56 per student (checks should be made out to JKMS).

Both should be placed in a sealed envelope and turned in to the office by Wednesday, August 29th.
Please label the envelope with:

- your child’s first and last name
- ID number



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Upon their arrival to school on Monday, September

10th, students will meet in the cafeteria. At that time,

they will receive a schedule containing academic

materials, as well as group and bus assignments. After

taking care of some organizational matters, students

will board buses at approximately 8:15 a.m. and travel

to Camp Duncan. We expect to arrive at Camp Duncan

around 9:45 that morning.

The day will be filled with scheduled activities. These

are a combination of academic and recreational

learning experiences. Parents need to make

arrangements to *pick up your child at John F. Kennedy*

at approximately 8:30 pm.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Some of our students have had extensive camping

experience with either their families or the scouts. Since

this trip is probably very dissimilar to other field trips our

students have enjoyed, we ask you to carefully monitor the

items they bring. Below is a list of items your child is

restricted from having on this trip.

Knives

Matches/Lighters

Flashlights

Candy

Money

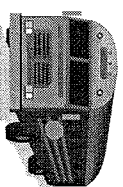
Gum

Purses/Wallets

Snacks of any kind

Keys

Sample of the Daily Schedule



Schedule

9:45 a.m.	Arrival at YMCA Camp Duncan
10:00 – 10:50	Activity #1
11:00 – 11:50	Activity #2
11:55 – 12:45	Activity #3
12:55 – 1:35	Lunch (provided by Camp)
1:40 - 2:30	Activity #4
2:35 – 3:25	Activity #5
3:35 – 4:25	Activity #6
4:30 – 5:20	Activity #7
5:25 – 6:15	Activity #8
6:20 – 6:55	Dinner (provided by Camp)
7:00	Depart
8:30	Return to JFK

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO BRING

While we all (students and adults alike) hope for clear skies, sunshine and temperatures in the mid-70s, we must all be prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way. The only time we will stay inside is if lightning or severe storm warnings are evident.

In this context, please refer to the list below when preparing for the trip.

Do not wear/bring anything you are anxious about getting dirty, torn or ruined. The students will be out and about. Keep newer, nicer clothes at home.

FOR RAINY WEATHER

Light raincoat or protective rain gear
Waterproof hat
Rubber Boots

EQUIPMENT

No additional equipment will be needed

CLOTHING

Warm pants or jeans
Tennis Shoes / Boots
Heavy socks
Warm shirts
Sweaters or Sweatshirts

FOR COLD WEATHER

Coat
Warm hat
Gloves

ACTIVITIES

CANOEING
OUTDOOR COOKING
TEAMS COURSE
CLIMBING WALL
TIE DYE
ARCHERY
FISHING
HIGH ROPES

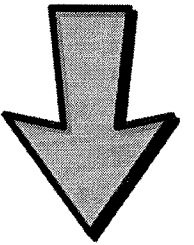
CAMP RULES

In addition to those rules/expectations set forth in the John F. Kennedy Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Plan, the students participating in Outdoor Education are also expected to follow any other rules given to them by teachers and parents while on the trip.

For example:

- 1) Students will be expected to report *on time* to each scheduled activity. Once there, students may not leave that activity without permission from the teacher and without being escorted by an adult.
- 2) Students will demonstrate proper etiquette at meals.
- 3) Students will show respect for the flora and fauna of the camp. This includes remaining on the trails.

* An infraction of any rules could result in the student being removed from camp by his/her parents.



***Be sure to fill out this entire page, including your signature!

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

The school nurse will communicate medical needs with the staff prior to the field trip. Any student requiring medication during the trip will need to follow these guidelines:

- ✓ Only emergency medications that are necessary to maintain the child in school are sent along on field trips.
- ✓ All medications need to be given to the nurse one day prior to the field trip day. Students may NOT keep medication in their possession unless authorized by a physician.
- ✓ All medications need to be in the original container with the student's name and dosage instructions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school nurse or building administrator at (815) 439 – 8024.

Please sign below acknowledging you have read and understand the medical guidelines.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

YES NO

Does your child have any allergies? If so, please specify. _____

Is your child allergic to bee stings? _____

Does your child have any physical condition which would hinder his/her physical activity? Please list: _____

Does your child take medication regularly? Please list: _____

At what times should a teacher administer this medication? _____

Does your child require any special dietary considerations (gluten/vegan)? Please list: _____

Does your child have any medical condition of which we should be aware? Please specify. _____

In case of a minor mishap, cut, scratch, etc., may the nurse administer first aid? _____

If an emergency exists, may an administrator/teacher transport your child to the emergency room? _____

A - K STUDENT REGISTRATION/CONSENT FORM

My child:

_____ (Student's Name)

has my permission to participate in the Outdoor Education Activity sponsored by John F. Kennedy Middle School. Transportation will be provided by school bus.

I understand that my student must comply with the provisions of the Student Handbook and other rules of conduct established by the School District while participating in the above-mentioned activity. I have discussed this requirement with my student.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Address

Home Phone

Mother's Name

Work Phone

Father's Name

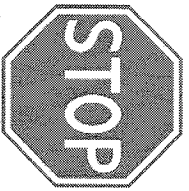
Work Phone

Emergency Name and phone number #1
(other than home and work phone numbers)

Emergency Name and phone number #2
(other than home and work phone numbers)

Study hall teacher: _____

CHAPERONE FORM



***This section only needs to be filled out if you wish to volunteer as a chaperone. We will contact you to let you know if you are needed, via e-mail or phone. Chaperones are limited, so get your form in fast.

Parents/Guardians,

If you would like to be a chaperone for Outdoor Education, please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and have your child return it to the office by Wednesday, August 29th. **CHAPERONES ARE FREE!**

Yes, I would like to be a chaperone for the Outdoor Education Activity on Monday, September 10th.

There will be a parent chaperone meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30pm in the Media Center.

I, _____, give John F. Kennedy Middle School / Plainfield District 202 permission to complete a criminal background check prior to my participation as a chaperone for the 7th Grade Outdoor Education Program.

Student's Name

Chaperone's Name

Telephone Number

E-mail Address