

# CAMP CODY OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

September 13, 2019

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade parents or guardians,

Our school is planning to attend Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom, which is a residential, educational environmental program. Dedicated to motivational learning, Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom stimulates children toward learning more about various academic subjects by exploring and doing exciting activities. Through living and learning together, Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom develops community awareness.

You are encouraged to attend a presentation on Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom on Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in the WES cafeteria.

Enclosed is a packet of information including a permission slip and payment information for attending Camp Cody. Please fill out the permission slip and return it with your \$95.00 deposit on or before October 4, 2019.

**Parent info night: Tues, Oct 1st**

**7:00pm – 8:30pm in the WES Cafeteria**

**Dates of Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom:**

**May 18 through May 22, 2020**

**Location of Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom:**

**Freedom, NH**

**Full Cost of the trip: \$350.00**

**Deposit: \$95.00 due October 4, 2019**



May 18, 2020-May 22, 2020 (Trip dates)

Total Trip Cost \$350

Student Permission Form and Deposit Slip  
for

Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom (Formerly Nature's Classroom)

Please **return the bottom** of this form and **your check (made out to AWRSD) in a sealed envelope**  
that is clearly marked on the outside of the envelope:

**Your child's name**  
**Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom**  
**Your Child's teacher**

Please do this for all future checks and correspondence sent in to school. Thank You!

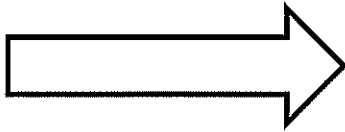
Payment Schedule:

\$95 due October 4, 2019

\$85 due January 24, 2020

\$85 due March 13, 2020

\$85 due May 1, 2020



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Due: **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child to attend Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom and a deposit of  
\$95 is enclosed. (Checks payable to **AWRSD**- NO CASH)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give permission for my child to attend Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom for the following reasons:

(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_



# Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom

Financial Information  
May 18, 2020 to May 22, 2020 (trip dates)

**Cost:** The full cost of the trip is **\$350.00**. This figure includes transportation, accommodations, meals, and educational programs that support the curriculum at WES.

**Payments:** Payments are to be checks made payable to AWRSD. NO CASH will be accepted. Your child's name must be written on the check. You may pay the full amount at any time or; make the scheduled deposits, or make deposits when it's convenient for you. The deposit schedule will be **\$95-due October 4, 2019, \$85-due January 24, 2020, \$85-due March 13, 2020, \$85 due MAY 1, 2020. All students must be paid in full by MAY 1, 2020.** All payments sent to school regarding Nature's Classroom must be sent in a sealed envelope labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, date, and the words "Nature's Classroom" printed on it. This is important to ensure that all payments get applied to the correct student's account.

- When a fund-raiser is completed updated student account balance sheets will be sent home.
- An initial deposit of **\$ 95** is due on **Friday, October 4, 2019** with trip permission slip.
- Students can earn money for the trip through participation in Nature's Classroom fundraising activities (Butter Braids, etc.). Monies (including those earned during the student's 4<sup>th</sup> grade year fundraiser) will be credited to your child's account. Fundraising is optional, it is not a required.
- Additional payments may be made at any time throughout the year.
- The balance of your child's account must be paid in full by **MAY 1, 2020.**
- Questions concerning financial need should be directed to the principal. *All requests are kept confidential.*

**How to raise money?** In recognition of the cost of the program, fundraising opportunities have been and will be offered. We will be having a Butter Braids (braided bread) sale this Fall and we are continuing to explore options for group and individual fundraisers to be held after the first of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Ina or Liz at Westminster Elementary School 978-874-2043.





Dear Family,

We're thrilled that your child is joining us at Outdoor Classroom. This Family Packet has been developed to help students and families get ready for the Outdoor Classroom experience. In this packet you will find answers to frequently asked questions and a wealth of other important information.

Your child's physical, mental, and emotional safety are our number one priority during the time they spend with us. Your child will be supervised at all times by enthusiastic, experienced staff who have undergone background checks and extensive training to prepare them to give your child an inspiring and safe experience. All staff are also certified in CPR and First Aid. To provide a safe experience, we also need some information from you. Please **complete the information on pages 5 – 8** and return it to your student's teacher by the designated deadline (set by the school teachers).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [trish@campcody.com](mailto:trish@campcody.com) or (603) 539 4997. We can't wait to work with your student.

Thanks,

*Outdoor Classroom Staff*



## Overview of the Program

Outdoor Classroom is a residential outdoor education program that focuses on social and emotional learning, science and engineering skills, and adventure education. Each program is customized to support student learning in the classroom. Our hands-on lessons focus on building critical thinking skills and exploring the connections between the natural and human-made world.

We work with each school group to help design a program that best fits the needs and outcomes of the group. Each program is rooted in the following components: Field Group, Class Choice, Large Group Activities, Evening Programs, Meals, and Free Time.

Students at Outdoor Classroom are always supervised by adults and a medical staff member is available on site 24/7.

Below is an example of a typical day:

7:00 Wake up 7:30 Morning Meds
7:40 Set/ 8:00 Breakfast
9:15 Field Group or Large Group Activity
11:30 Free Time
11:40 Set & Lunch Meds 12:00 Lunch
1:15 Class Choice 2:45 Class Assignment/ Snack 3:00 Class Choice 4:30 Free Time
5:10 Set & Dinner Meds 5:30 Dinner
6:45 Evening Activity 8:30 Quiet Sing Nighttime Meds 8:45 Back to Cabins





## Medications

All medications will be distributed by a medical staff member. Children are not permitted to keep medications on their person. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medications (Tylenol or cough drops). Emergency medications (e.g. Epi-pens and rescue inhalers) will be sent around with your child and managed by the nurse on site. All medications need to be sent in the original bottle / packaging with the Doctor's name, dosage, and usage instructions on the bottle / packaging, if applicable. Please place the bottle / package in a clear ziplock bag with your child's name and fill out the medication document on page 8 of this packet.

School teachers will collect medications prior to departure so please do not pack medications in your child's bag. We do have basic medicines (Tylenol, cough drops, tums, etc) and first aid supplies for students who may need them throughout the trip.

## Food Allergies / Dietary Needs

We cater to a number of dietary needs. Our facility is nut free and also accommodates gluten, wheat, dairy, soy, shellfish, egg and lactose allergies, intolerances and restrictions. Vegetarians and vegans can also be accommodated. There is a section in this packet for you to indicate any dietary needs.

## Visitors and Communication

We ask you not to visit Outdoor Classroom during your child's field trip. Visiting parents can distract students and may make some students homesick. Students are not permitted to have cell phones at Outdoor Classroom. This is to encourage them to enjoy life "unplugged" - live in the moment and appreciate their surroundings. If there is an emergency and you need to reach your child, please contact us at (603) 539 4997.

## Behavior Expectations

Below is a copy of the Outdoor Classroom Behavior Expectations. We require every student and their family to read the expectations and sign an acknowledgement statement.

We are committed to providing a safe, positive experience for all students. As part of the Outdoor Classroom community, students are expected to be familiar with and follow these behavior expectations. Students who are unable to follow them may be disciplined and sent home at the discretion of the school. Parents are then expected to pick up their child. Please discuss these expectations with your child prior to the field trip.

- Students must remain with their group and instructor or teacher/chaperone at all times. Students should never be alone on camp or leave the property alone.
- Students must remain in the cabins with chaperones after lights-out.
- Students may not have in their possession any prohibited items (please review the Packing List to view the complete list).
- All medications should be given to the school teacher or medical staff.
- Students are asked to take care of the property and report any damages.
- Students should use equipment for its intended purpose and in a safe manner.
- Physical fighting or altercations are not tolerated and may result in immediate separation or dismissal without refund of tuition.
- Bullying is not tolerated and all suspected bullying instances will be dealt with firmly and may result in immediate separation or dismissal without refund of tuition.
- All school rules will be enforced at Outdoor Classroom.



**Packing List**

Mark all items with your child's name.  
 Please send old / play clothes (students will get dirty).  
 Laundry facilities are not available for general student use.

**Arrival day:** Students should be ready to participate in activities when they get off the bus. They should be wearing closed toed shoes and have a day pack ready with sunscreen, a water bottle, and an extra layer.

**Weather:** Please check the weather for Freedom, NH and pack according to expected precipitation and temperatures. Students will be outside (unless there is thunder and lightning).

**Important! Prohibited items include:**

- Cell phones
- Other electronics - iPods, iPads, portable video games or movie devices
- Candy, gum, or food of any kind
- Swiss army knives / leathermans or any other weapons
- Illegal substances, drugs, or alcohol
- Lighters / matches

**Quantities:** Adjust the quantity of clothing items based on the length of the field trip.

<p><b>Clothing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long pants / jeans</li> <li>• Shorts</li> <li>• 1 pair of pajamas</li> <li>• T-shirts</li> <li>• Long sleeved shirt</li> <li>• Sweatshirt or fleece</li> <li>• Warm jacket</li> <li>• Socks (pack a few extra)</li> <li>• Underwear</li> <li>• Hat and gloves</li> <li>• 2 pairs of sneakers (All footwear must be closed toed)</li> <li>• 1 raincoat or poncho</li> </ul> <p><b>Bedding / Linens / Toiletries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sleeping bag or bed roll (sheets and a blanket)</li> <li>• Pillow</li> <li>• 1 towel</li> <li>• Laundry bag for dirty clothes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Toiletries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toothbrush and toothpaste</li> <li>• Soap, shampoo, conditioner</li> <li>• Deodorant</li> <li>• Comb or brush</li> <li>• Lip balm / chapstick</li> </ul> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 day pack / backpack</li> <li>• 1-2 reusable water bottle (1 Liter)</li> <li>• Flashlight</li> <li>• Sunscreen</li> </ul> <p><b>Optional Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flip flops for the shower</li> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Bandana</li> <li>• Ball cap</li> <li>• Bug spray</li> <li>• Disposable Camera (cannot be cell phone)</li> <li>• Fitted sheet for the mattress (Twin)</li> </ul>
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Outdoor Classroom is not responsible for items left behind.