

Nature's Classroom

April 3-5, 2019

Wednesday, April 3

Arrive at St. Nicholas by **8:15 AM**. We will meet in the ESP room. Level 6 will not attend chapel this morning.

Friday, April 5

We return to school at approximately 3:00pm. We will use the school phone system to let you know if anything changes depending on traffic. The bus will unload in front of ELC.

Students not picked up in a reasonable amount of time will go to ESP.

Program: We are participating in an experiential outdoor science program. Nature's Classroom staff will be our teachers for the duration of the stay. St. Nicholas staff will accompany students to all of the activities, and at night a St. Nicholas teacher will be in each room with a group of students.

What to Bring: There is a list attached of what to bring on the trip. Please send students with one weekend size suitcase and a backpack/tote for the bus. Students will be responsible for carrying their own luggage.

Please place names on all clothing and personal items.

Medicine: All medication MUST be given to Ms. Revenig. If it is a prescription, the prescription medicine protocol must be filled out. We also ask that you fill out the emergency medical forms. Please do not send any over-the-counter medications for the children to handle themselves. We have medicine with us and are prepared for any contingencies. **WE HANDLE ALL MEDICINE DISPENSING.** For obvious reasons, we do NOT want the children medicating themselves or each other.

Lodging/Communication: We are staying at Nature's Classroom in Mentone, Alabama.

Teachers will call school upon arrival. Parents will be notified by email as well as through our phone alert system. Students do not have access to phones. Please be assured that communication during this trip is an example of "no news is good news." If there is a need, an adult will call.

Periodic updates (once or twice a day) will be issued by email or through the phone system. Pictures may also be posted on the school's Facebook and/or Instagram page.

Meals: Please feed your student breakfast on Wednesday morning. Lunch will be served upon arrival. We will lunch at Nature's Classroom before the trip home. All other meals are included at the lodge. Please do NOT send any snacks or food with the students. Everything they need will be provided for them.

Bus: We travel to Nature's Classroom on a school bus. If you know your student gets car sick, please go ahead and give him/her Dramamine Wednesday morning. The roads are very windy going through the mountains.

Cost: The cost of the trip will be approximately \$250 per student and will be charged to your St. Nicholas account. We want everyone to attend this trip. Please talk to Jeff Denton if the cost of the trip is a barrier to your student going.

Money: In the vicinity of \$25.00 should be enough. There is a gift shop and that amount will be enough to cover a T-shirt or some little items. Otherwise there is no need for any money for the trip.

Cameras: We recommend disposable cameras WITH NAMES since we will be going on many hikes. Please do NOT send any electronics or a camera that is expensive or difficult to operate.

Please send nothing that you would not want lost or broken.

Behavior: Exemplary at all times. Hopefully there will be no problems with this critical area of the trip. If egregious behavior occurs, the student may be sent home.

If you have any questions please ask.

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