

St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church and School

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SAVE THE DATE!!

March 6, 2019

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Welcome to Destination: Camp Weona! For over twenty years the 6th graders of St. Christopher School have successfully participated in a trip to Camp Weona in Varysburg, NY. The purpose of this experience is to build teamwork and a healthy self-esteem while bonding together as a class. This is the chance to start renew and strengthen friendships with all classmates. We are looking forward to witnessing **all** of our students **participate and cooperate** in the many activities the camp offers.

This year the trip includes the following:

- A day trip on Thursday, May 23rd from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Students participate in a variety of activities including :
 - educational nature walks outdoor living skills
 - canoeing/pond study group challenges/high ropes/low ropes
- Picnic lunch

The camp, located near Varysburg, is well run by experienced YMCA camp counselors who lead each group activity. Students are encouraged to try each activity, but are never forced to do anything that they are uncomfortable doing. It is non-stop activities all day long! There is no break in the action until it's time to go home!

This letter is to inform you about the trip so you can plan ahead. The total cost right now will be about \$50 per student but this could change depending on the total number of students who attend. Of course, we expect all students to participate in this class trip. **This is not the permission slip** (that will be provided in April). **We would like to have you sign the form on the next page and send in a nonrefundable deposit of \$15 to secure your child's spot for the field trip (and to help us pay for the deposit the camp requires) by March 14th.**

We will also be looking for 10 chaperones to accompany us (and drive students). Please indicate if you would be interested in helping us out. We can't do it without chaperones!! The cost for each chaperone will be \$16. We will let you know if you have been chosen after the March 15th due date. All chaperones must already be Virtus trained and must be able to take 3-4 students in your car.

This is an excellent opportunity for increasing self-esteem and promoting a positive self- concept as well as **strengthening social relationships**, an important component as students approach the junior high school years. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miss Sutherland - x 204 or asutherland@saintchris.org

Mrs. Watroba - x 203 or lwatroba@saintchris.org

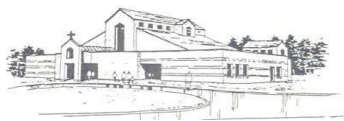
Also: Your child must have a current physical on file with the school nurse, Mrs. Davis, before going on the trip. If you are unsure if your child's physical is up to date, please contact Mrs. Davis.

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_____ (child's name)

_____ will be attending the trip to Camp Weona on May 23, 2019.

_____ will not be attending the trip to Camp Weona on May 23, 2019

_____ I have enclosed the \$15 deposit. **(If paying by check, which is preferred, please make it payable to St. Christopher School.)**

Parent Signature

Printed Parent Name

Interested in being a chaperone? We will need 10 chaperones. We can only consider those parents who have already completed the VIRTUS training and can handle the following:

- **MUST be able to drive 3 or 4 students to and from camp (This is very important!)**
- Must be able to handle strenuous hiking and climbing
- Must be willing to encourage and support students during the activities
- Must be willing to go non-stop without a break! (with a smile on your face)
- Must give information from your driver's license and insurance card for the school office file.
- We would like to take a parent who is a nurse, doctor or EMT with us if possible.

Please sign below if you would like to be considered as a chaperone for our trip to Camp Weona. We must have your response by **March 14th**. We will then choose our chaperones and notify parents who will be the chaperones. We realize parents need to make arrangements at work if they are selected, thus the reason for early organization.

_____ **Yes**, Please consider me for a parent chaperone for the trip to Camp Weona on May 23, 2019 **(8:00 a. m. departure time; approximately 6:30 pm return time)**

_____ I am VIRTUS trained _____ I am a nurse, doctor or EMT

_____ **No**, thank you. I do not wish to be a chaperone.

Parent Signature

Please print your name here

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