

October 19, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Your child has a great opportunity to participate in an Extended Day Environmental Education Field Trip. This trip is scheduled [Tuesday, February 21 for those in Physical Education during the fall](#) and [Wednesday Feb 22 for those in Physical Education in the spring](#) at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center in Spicer, Minnesota.

This opportunity will be a unique learning experience for your child. Your child will develop a better appreciation for our environment, numerous social and coping skills, an attitude of responsibility and commitment, and a hands-on experience relating to our 6th grade curriculum in science, physical education/ health, language arts, social studies, and math.

Hopefully the information included will be beneficial to you.

PRAIRIE WOODS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

It is located one hour from Hutchinson, near Spicer, Minnesota. Prairie Woods Learning Center offers field trips featuring a variety of environmental and outdoor education opportunities.

*This program offers a 500 acre classroom

*Classroom buildings

*Challenge Course

*Historic log cabin & barn

*Native American History Village

*Extensive trails

*Educational Archery Shooting Sports Range

*Cross country skiing

*Snow shoeing

MEDICAL

-Please contact the Middle School Nurse if your child has any medical needs.

YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE 6 DAY TIME CLASS SESSIONS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AT PRAIRIE WOODS

-Departure times for each trip will be around 7:40 A.M. and return times will be around 6:15 P.M.

COST

-The cost for this trip will be \$30.00 per student. (*meal will be a school sack lunch deducted from your child's lunch account). The fee for camp will be collected in January, 2023. Please plan accordingly. This fee can be paid by cash, check (payable to HMS) or online thru SmartSchoolk12 (where you pay for lunches and activities).

CHAPERONE INFORMATION

-If you are interested in being a chaperone please fill out this [google form](#). We need 10 chaperones for each group. Chaperones will be expected to follow their group around for all of the indoor and outdoor activities. A background check will be required for all chaperones.

We understand that this experience for your child will take much effort by the students, parents, volunteers, and teaching staff. However, we feel the effort will be worthwhile!

Sincerely,

6TH GRADE TEACHERS