



Live. Learn. Look at the Stars.

Dear Middle School Families,

Typically at this time of year, the middle school would be getting ready to spend two days and one night together at Camp Thunderbird. While we won't be camping out with your lovely middle schoolers this year, we do want to make sure we all spend a very long day together to make up for it. We are doing this trip to continue building our middle school community, to encourage independence, and to take a step in preparing your kids for the many backpacking and camping trips they will go on when they are in high school.

On **Thursday, September 9**, we will spend the day at **Ft. Bayard** and stay into the evening so that students can spend the day learning together, prepare and eat dinner together, and look at the stars.

Students should **arrive at school** on Thursday by the usual time, **8:45 A.M.** They should **bring a sack lunch**, but dinner and snacks will be provided. Teachers will lead a variety of outdoor workshops. Students will return to school at **10:30 P.M.** and will be picked up at the pick up/drop off area above the Rock Garden by you.

The **packing list for this trip is attached.**

Remind your child to dress in and to pack layers. It will be warm during the day and cool at night.

Electronics are not allowed. If your child needs to get a hold of you, he or she can use the phone of one of the staff. If you need to get a hold of your child in an emergency, please call the school.

If your child takes a **prescription medication** when they are not at school that they will need to take while at Ft. Bayard, they will need to give that medication to their teacher who will give it to them at the prescribed time.

Since Thursday is the equivalent of 2 days of learning, there will be **no middle school classes on Friday.**

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact one of your child's teachers through ParentSquare or the school office. (575) 538-2547

Ft. Bayard packing list

- **Backpack**
- **Wide brimmed hat**
- **Rain poncho *or* raincoat (the forecast calls for sunny skies, but this is New Mexico...)**
- **2 sturdy water bottles or Camelback-style hydration system**
- **Headlamp or flashlight**
- **Sturdy hiking shoes**
- **Trash bag (all those snack wrappers need to go somewhere)**
- **A “sack lunch”**
- **Journal, along with at least one pen & pencil**
- **Appropriate face mask**

Prescription medications (if you take them) including inhalers—*these must be given to your child’s teacher and will be administered by staff.*

***No electronics**

Fort Bayard – Thursday, September 9, 2021
Permission Slip

Please complete & return with payment.

Name of student: _____ Meal Preference: Meat /Vegetarian

___ All medical information is up-to-date in our school records. If this is not true, then please let Jim McIntosh (ALCS school nurse) know as soon as possible.

___ I ***will*** be available in case of emergency, Thursday, Sept. 9

___ The best number to reach me at is _____

___ I ***won't*** be available Thursday, Sept. 9

___ In case of emergency contact _____@_____.

Choose from the following options:

___ \$5 is attached for the cost of food for my child.

___ \$2.50 is attached, my family qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program.

Parent signature: _____