

Dear Parents,

We are excited for the Outdoor Education experience your 6th grader will be participating in this year. The teachers and staff work hard to put together memorable and valuable learning and team building experiences where students engage in outdoor activities that connect to the MPS curriculum and everyday life. Your child will be attending Camp Kitaki, near South Bend, Nebraska on either September 15th (Team China) or September 22nd (Team India). They will be leaving North Middle School around **8:00am** and returning by **2:30pm**. Students will report to school at the usual time and should have their gear ready to go. If you chose to not have your student participate in this experience, please contact that office by Friday, September 8th.

LUNCH - Your child will need a sack lunch, including a refillable water bottle. Please do not send any gum, candy, or snack-type items with your child.

CLOTHING – Fall weather is unpredictable. We suggest your child bring clothing choices that will allow for fluctuations in temperature. The layer technique employs two or three light jackets or sweatshirts worn one over the other. A cap to keep the sun off one's face is also helpful. Sneakers are a good choice if your child does not have hiking boots. Gloves or stocking caps may be appropriate if the weather forecast is on the chilly side. Keep track of the forecast as the camp dates approach. We go to camp, rain or shine. If you have a rain poncho, it doesn't hurt to have one along.

Do not bring any electronic devices or other “extra” gear that will take up space and run the risk of being lost. Cell phone reception is spotty due to the location of the camp.

This is a curriculum-related field trip so no fees are assessed for student participation. However, if parents are able to (and desire to) make a voluntary donation to offset the cost of this field trip, the donation would be greatly appreciated and help ensure that North Middle School is able to continue such trips in the future. The estimated cost of this trip is \$20 per student (use of camp facilities, transportation costs, and supplies). If you chose to make a donation, please write a check out to MNMS and return to your child's Science teacher.

If an emergency occurs and you need to pick up your child at any time before we return, there is a map on the back of this letter to guide you to the camp. Please notify one of the teachers in writing if you know in advance that you will need to pick up your child during the day. If you need to get ahold of your child anytime throughout the day, please contact the NMS front office as they have cell numbers to all staff members attending including the camp number below, or you may contact the camp directly and ask for an NMS staff member.

Camp Information:

Camp Kitaki, (YMCA)

Phone: 402-234-4141

Team 6 China will be attending Camp Kitaki on September 15th.

Team 6 India will be attending Camp Kitaki on September 22nd.

We will leave at 8:00 AM on Friday morning and return to school by 2:30 PM on that same day.

Thank you,
Mrs. Anna Thoma
Assistant Principal
Millard North Middle School