

The 2011

Camp Wilmot Retreat

Dear Parents,

For many years now, Sant Bani middle school students (students in grades 5-8) and their teachers have started the school year with an overnight retreat to Camp Wilmot in North Wilmot, New Hampshire. This time together, designed to foster community, cooperation, caring and fun, draws high praise from students and teachers alike each year. Thus, once again, we are off to Camp Wilmot for the start of the 2011-2012 school year!

**STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 & 6 WILL START SCHOOL ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Following morning session, we will depart for Camp Wilmot. At the camp, students will have an opportunity to swim; boat; try some art activities and group challenges and play. Students will return to Sant Bani by 3:25 on Friday. Academic classes for students in grades 5 & 6 will begin on Monday, September 12.

At Camp Wilmot, we will be sleeping in screened, unheated cabins (plastic covered mattresses are provided). Students should bring the following items:

A hearty morning **snack and lunch** for Thursday (all other meals, snacks and beverages will be provided. No candy please)

Adequate and appropriate clothing and footwear... (We are outdoors rain or shine, when temps are high and low! **PLEASE** check the weather forecast!)

A sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow

Personal toiletries (don't forget sunscreen and bug spray!)

Bathing suit and 1 or 2 towels (we spend a lot of time at the waterfront!)

Important Note: This experience is about spending time with one another. To that end, we strive to make these two days as "tech free" as possible. For safety and/or emergency situations, staff will have cell phones. **Students should leave cell phones and electronic games/devices at home.** We will confiscate cell phones/devices, whether or not they are turned on. Exception: an ipod/mp3 player/small CD player with earphones may be used for listening to music quietly, alone, at bedtime. If you must reach your child while we are away, please call the school and they will put you in touch with one of us.

Although the Health Ed Department covers much of the expense incurred with this trip, we do ask each student to contribute \$10.00 to help defray the cost of food. Attached to this letter is the Sant Bani School permission slip. **The completed permission slip form and an updated school emergency form must be received before the end of August.** Unfortunately, in past years, late forms have held up the entire group as we tried to track down parents. Please note that this year, the group will leave as scheduled. Students missing forms/signatures will have to remain at school until the missing information is complete.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Deb Stanton (679-8276), Lynne Allen (934-5322) or Priscilla Fay (455-8726). If there are any special circumstances which we should be made aware of (i.e. medical info, dietary concerns), please make note on the permission slip or give one of us a call. Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Lynne & Priscilla & Deb

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_____ has my/our permission to travel to and from Camp Wilmot via bus or teacher vehicle. My/our child also has permission to participate in all activities during the 2011 retreat.

Parent/guardian signature _____

Date _____

Please call us or use the space below to note any additional information we should be aware of: