

# The 2011 Junior High 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 7 & 8 WILL START SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Following a short morning session, we will depart for Camp Wilmot. At the camp, students will have an opportunity to swim, boat, try some art activities and "play." After breakfast on Thursday morning, we will travel an Adventure Education Center where each class, along with their teachers, will participate in a full day ropes course adventure (rain or shine!). Students will return to Sant Bani by 3:25 on Thursday. Remember: **students in grades 7 & 8 do not come to school on Friday, September 9.** Academic classes for the junior high will begin on Monday, September 12. Please note that on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, regular bus service will be available.

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 Wednesday (all other meals, snacks and beverages will be provided)

Appropriate clothing and footwear...sandals and crocs are not appropriate for the ropes course, sneakers are fine (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

**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 ear phones 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. This money is applied towards both food and the ropes course fees. Attached to this letter is a school permission form. Later this summer, a participant information/permission form from the Adventure Education Center will be sent to each student. **Both of these forms and an updated school emergency form must be received by 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 call Lynne Allen (934-5322) or Priscilla Fay (455-8726) or Deb Stanton (679-8276). If there are any special circumstances which we should be made aware of (i.e. medical info, dietary concerns), please make a note on the permission slip and/or give 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 and the Adventure Education Center 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: