

August 2017

Greetings,

We hope you and your family are enjoying these last few weeks of summer, but opening day is fast approaching! Our exciting 6th grade trip to Camp Jewell in Colebrook, Ct, is scheduled for Monday, October 2 through Wednesday, October 4. The benefits of the trip are twofold: Academically, students are immersed in a hands-on environmental science curriculum; and socially/emotionally, students have the opportunity to develop new friendships through teambuilding and problem solving experiences.

Please mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for the required paperwork at the beginning of the school year, most of which is available on the Middlesex website. All forms can be returned to the main office (attn: Colebrook 2017) or to your child's homeroom teacher.

Our hope is that all students will attend. The cost of the trip is \$320 per student, which includes the program fees, meals, transportation, etc. Scholarships are available by contacting your child's guidance counselor or one of the coordinators. If your child has a true medical condition, including diagnosed food allergies, the coordinators are happy to explain how we can/will make the trip safe and enjoyable.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Respectfully,

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## Camp Jewell Information

1. **Departure:** October 2, 7am, from MMS  
**Return:** Wednesday, October 4, approximately 3:30pm, to MMS
2. The cost of the trip is \$320.00 (Checks should be made payable to MIDDLESEX MIDDLE SCHOOL.) Scholarships are available through your child's guidance counselor
3. Students and teachers reside in cabins. Students are supervised 24 hours a day and there is a 1 to 12 staffing ratio.
4. A full time administrative staff and a registered nurse are on duty or on call at all times.
5. Meals are prepared by a permanent kitchen staff and are served family style in a dining hall. Special dietary needs, as noted on the medical form, will be honored.
6. No physical exam is required, but students will be active throughout the trip. Please bring any health concerns to our attention so we can plan accordingly.
7. A specific **medical form**, completed by parents, is part of the registration packet. State regulations require that a physician's **signed order must accompany prescription medications**. (Refer to Medical Forms).
8. A clothing and equipment checklist is online. Clothing should be chosen for comfort, warmth, and durability rather than style, and all items should be labeled with your child's name.
9. Care should be taken in supplying appropriate and ample footwear and pants. (Extra socks!!)
10. Telephones are available on site in the event of an emergency. PLEASE **DO NOT SEND CELLPHONES WITH YOUR STUDENT**.

Registration forms are on the Middlesex website [here](#). Please complete and return them to homeroom teachers by **Friday, September 8th**.

## Colebrook 2017 Packing List

- **Label belongings properly and pack wisely.**
  - **Students are responsible for their belongings.**
  - **Please monitor the forecast! Many activities are outside, rain or shine.**
  - **There is no food, candy, or gum allowed in the cabins!**
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- Sleeping bag
  - Pillow
  - Backpack (for use during the day to carry water bottle, clothing, etc)
  - Refillable water bottle
  - Sunscreen
  - Bug spray
  - Toiletry Kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc)
  - Towel
  - Chapstick
  - Raincoat/poncho
  - Sneakers, hiking boots, indoor slippers/flip flops
  - Socks
  - Underwear
  - Sleeping attire
  - Sweatshirt and/or jacket
  - Shirts/pants for 2 days (Tuesday/Wednesday)
  - Laundry bag