

EIGHTH GRADE PROJECT WEEK 2017

TO: EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS

FROM: The Eighth Grade Team (Katie Hackenburg, Leslie Long, Colleen Murphy, Susan Neitlich, Cindy Raymond, Julian Schlusberg, Laura Stanley, Drew Sweet)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 3 p.m. We will travel to the Newington Challenge Course in Newington for a day of low and high elements, including climbing.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 3 p.m. We will travel to and spend the day at Bigelow Hollow State Park in Union. While there, students will engage in two different activities during the day. They will canoe or kayak on a lake. They will also be part of a “Catapult Build and Launch” activity that involves problem solving, physics and healthy cooperative competition. Both activities will be led and supervised by staff affiliated with Newington Youth Services, which runs the Newington Challenge Course (the destination of our Tuesday trip).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 3 p.m. We will spend the day on campus participating in community-building activities, learning about ways to handle stress and conflict and exploring strategies for resilience.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 2:15 p.m. We will spend time in advisory groups getting organized, and students will have brief meetings with each of their academic classes. We will also meet as a grade to talk about plans for the Halloween Fair; we hope to have the opportunity for a first get-together with our second grade buddies.

Prior to our trips, each student must return the attached permission slip (also available on our website) for the Newington Challenge Course. **Please return this form, specific to our Newington activities to Foote, in care of Cindy Raymond, by August 30.**

What to wear

Tuesday & Wednesday

comfortable footwear (low-heeled, such as sneakers)
for Wednesday – water shoes or sneakers that can get wet
NO sandals or flip-flops
loose, durable, washable, weather-appropriate clothing
shorts long enough for climbing harness

(Please turn over)

What to bring:

Tuesday

non-microwavable lunch
snack for bus ride home
water
sunscreen
bug spray
hat/sunglasses (optional)

Wednesday

non-microwavable lunch
snack for bus ride home
water – at least two bottles 16 – 32 oz.
sunscreen
bug spray
towel
extra dry shorts, shirt and shoes
hat/sunglasses (optional)

Thursday

non-microwavable lunch

Friday

non-microwavable lunch
writing implements
folder(s) or binder
notebook or writing paper

Please do NOT bring iPods or other electronic equipment, as we would like to encourage lively conversations among friends who may not have seen each other over the summer.

***Please note that your child's Emergency Consent Form, Medical Information Form and Student Health Office Treatment Form (*with parent and physician's signatures*) must be received for your child to participate in Project Week. These forms were sent to you in May. If you need additional copies of these forms, please find them on our website.**

***Students may carry emergency Epipens and inhalers with the approval from both physician and parent indicated on the Authorization to Administer Medication Form. All other medications your child may need MUST be given to your child's advisor along with the appropriate medication authorization form.**