

Glacier Basin Advisement Trip Fall 2017 Michelle & Trisha



Camping in Rocky Mountain National Park

Hello DMHS families! We are planning a three-day camping trip to Glacier Basin campground in Rocky Mountain National Park. The campground is located in a basin with 360 degree views of the mountains.

The purpose of this trip is to strengthen the DMHS community and build students' adaptability, independence, collaboration, and communication. Students will be sleeping in four-person tents at the campground. There are flush toilets and drinking water, but there is no electricity and no showers.

We are leaving in the morning on Tuesday, August 22 and returning by the end of the school day on Thursday, August 24 (in time for students who ride the bus). It is a 90-minute drive and we will be traveling in 11-passenger vans. Students will be cooking our meals, serving each other, and cleaning up afterwards.

Activities will include driving the Peak to Peak Highway, hiking nearby trails from Bear Lake, exploring the Glacier Basin area, and possibly horseback riding at nearby Estes Park.

Itinerary (Draft):

Tuesday, August 22:

- 9:30** Leave DMHS. The students should bring sack lunches or get a sack lunch from our hot lunch program.
- 11:00** Stop at Lyons for picnic lunch, then drive the Peak to Peak highway
- 2:00** Check-in at campsites and set up camp
- 3:00** Explore area
- 5:00** Make dinner
- 6:00** Dinner and team-building games
- 9:00** Lights out

Wednesday, August 23:

- 7:00** Wake up!
- 8:00** Make breakfast
- 9:00** Eat breakfast and pack sack lunches
- 9:30 - 11:30** Drive to Bear Lake and hike
- 12:00** Lunch on the trail
- 3:00** Return to campground
- 5:00** Make dinner
- 6:00** Dinner and team-building games
- 8:00** Star gazing
- 9:00** Lights out

Thursday, August 24:

- 7:00** Wake up!
- 8:00** Quick breakfast, pack sack lunches
- 9:30** Horseback riding
- 12:00** Lunch at campground
- 1:00** Leave
- 2:30** Return to DMHS, unpack, and cleanup

Important Details

Cost: The cost of this trip is \$125 per person. However, it is really important to us that 100% of our students attend. Therefore, if full price is beyond your family's means at this time, please contribute whatever amount will work for your family. Payments should be made to DMHS and given to Carol by August 18, 2017.

What To Bring: Please review the packing list located with the trip forms.

What Not To Bring: The key purpose of this trip is building our Montessori student culture. Therefore, please *do not* send students with any electronic games, MP3 players, or phones.

Communication: Staff will have cell phones so that you can easily contact your child while he or she is on trip. Their phone numbers are:

Trisha: (808) 283-0531

Michelle (720) 401-4722

In addition, in case there is any problem with cell phone reception, the number for Rocky Mountain National Park is (970) 586-1206.

Trip Forms: The parent/guardian consent form along with other required DPS trip forms is included with this packet. Please fill out and return by .

DMHS Trip Policy: Taking extended day trips is a core part of our Montessori adolescent program. It is during these trips that our students learn problem solving, adaptability, key social skills and independence. However, in order to insure the safety of all our students during an overnight trip, there are certain ground rules that must be followed in order participate or remain on a trip. Students while on trip are still held to the same behavior standards as outlined in the DMHS Family and Student Handbook. If a student's behavior rises to the level that it is no longer emotionally or physically safe for that student to be on trip, then the student will be removed from the trip and sent home.