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October 19, 2011

Dear 6th Grade Parent/Guardian:

On Tuesday, October 4, 2011, we held our annual sixth grade Greenkill Outdoor Educational meeting. This year the trip will take place from November 28- December 2, 2011. Some highlights of the meeting and important information included:

1. Both parts of the medical form must be signed by your child's doctor. All prescriptive medication must be authorized by your child's doctor and we ask that you send it in prior to the trip date. If you want your child to take over-the-counter medicine as needed, the dosage must be authorized by your child's doctor as well.
2. For the fifth straight year, we have contracted Carol Nivens, a registered nurse, to provide twenty-four hour care for the children. Carol remains on campus for the duration of the trip and is accessible at all hours. Additionally, Carol is affiliated with the nearest hospital located in Port Jervis, New York. If an emergency should arise, Carol will be able to obtain immediate emergency medical services in the hospital.
3. Students have the opportunity to select another child to share a room and to ride the busses (even if they are in another home base). The sixth grade teachers will provide more information about the selection process. Students will receive their cabin, bus and table assignment on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2011.
4. This year we are creating opportunities for students to call home. You can send your child with a cell phone or students can call from the nurses' office. We request that you be accessible to a phone on the following dates/times: *Monday, November 28th, (6:15- 7:15 p.m.), Tuesday, November 29th, (6:15 - 7:15 p.m.), and Wednesday, November 30th, (6:15 - 7:15 p.m.)*. You can go on the Greenkill website at: newyorkymcacamp.org – **click on Latest News.**
5. Please contact your child's home base teacher or the administration to notify us of any dietary concerns or restrictions. We will be able to communicate these needs to the staff at Greenkill.
6. Except for cell phones, students are not to bring any electronic equipment on the trip (i.e. ipods, video players, video games, digital cameras, etc.). If your child is going to bring a camera, we recommend that your child brings a disposable camera.
7. Another mailing will be sent in early November highlighting the trip's departure/arrival location and times, important contact and phone numbers, and other important information.
8. **The cost of the trip is \$190.00 and checks should be made out to "Island Trees Memorial Middle School." The payment and completed medical forms are due by November 4, 2011.**

As always, feel free to speak with me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued assistance and we look forward to a great trip.

Sincerely,



Roger Bloom
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