

September 18, 2023

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to announce that Orrville Middle School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is planning to participate in an outdoor education program this spring at Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio. **We will depart from OMS on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 and return to OMS on Friday, May 24, 2024. The cost of the entire program is \$135 and only 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from OMS will be permitted to attend outdoor education.** We will be traveling to camp in school buses and the program is being organized by school staff members and Camp Christopher staff members. OMS staff members and parent volunteers will serve as chaperones. All chaperones must pass a background check and are fingerprinted. If you are interested in volunteering for outdoor education, please contact Mr. Dan Corell at OMS.

**The \$135 payment is due by April 19, 2024. All payments should be made to OMS.** We are providing the students an opportunity to participate in fundraising activities to help pay for outdoor education. The students can participate in the Orrville High School Booster Club's Car Raffle and the PTO Pizza Fundraiser to raise funds to help pay for their outdoor education experience. In addition, qualifying families could receive funds from the State of Ohio's ACE Program (Afterschool Child Enrichment). Please go to [ACEOhio.org](http://ACEOhio.org) for more information.

The purpose of the program is to serve as an educational and recreational opportunity for our students. While the program is open to any 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, attending outdoor education is a privilege and proper behavioral expectations will apply. **Students who demonstrate disruptive behavior or repeatedly fail to complete assignments at school may not be permitted to attend the trip.**

**We will hold an informative parent meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the middle school cafeteria.** At the parent meeting, we will go over a daily schedule, discuss what to bring and wear to camp and review paperwork and other procedures. Again, we are excited about attending outdoor education and offering our students a fun, rewarding experience at beautiful Camp Christopher! If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Mr. Corell at school.

Go Riders!

Dave Sovacool  
Principal

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OMS Outdoor Education Director