

7th Grade LEC Trip - 2016-2017

We would love to have you join us!

We are looking for parents interested in being a chaperone during our LEC trip in March. Some benefits of being a chaperone include: getting to spend quality time with your child, getting to know other students and adults from the Edgewood community, and spending time outdoors!

Some of you may have been to LEC with your child in 5th grade. This year's experience will be different for you and your child. Below, we have spelled out what you can expect during the trip.

The program is entitled the "Laurentian Journey." It is designed to encourage teamwork and leadership skills amidst the backdrop of environmental education.

Each small group will consist of a naturalist leader, teacher/chaperone, and about 15 kids. Most of the time, you will be an observer as students work together to accomplish tasks. This can be frustrating at times as you watch the group dynamics at work. Please refrain from getting involved (unless a student is in danger) with the understanding that students will learn the most when they are given the opportunity to solve things on their own.

Kids and adults are each assigned one session of kitchen/dining hall setup and cleanup. Also, there is one afternoon in which kids are allowed to sign up for free time activities. Teachers and parents will supervise these activities based on interest and need.

A portion of small group time each day will be spent indoors and the rest will be outdoors. One afternoon and evening will be spent entirely outdoors as we participate in "The Trek." All adults should be willing and able to hike long distances in cold, snowy and sometimes, wet conditions.

During the evening, we offer many activities and a snack. During this time, adults take turns monitoring students in cabins and common areas.

Parent chaperones sleep in cabins with the students. Generally, the expectation is that students are in cabins between 9-9:30pm. The lights are out by 10:00pm. Teachers will make certain all students are where they need to be and sleeping at a reasonable time.

We are always looking for extra ways to keep our students safe. If you have any special nursing or EMT training, please let us know. Also, if you have any skills or areas of expertise that would be valuable to our experience, we would love to hear about it.

If you are interested in being a chaperone for LEC, **please sign and return the "Intent Form" on the back of this sheet.**

- We will also be having a chaperone meeting in early February.
- Please note there is a \$75 chaperone fee which covers food, transportations and lodging.
- Contact Jason Hollett (dean of students) with questions at 651-621-6626.

Sincerely,

Andrew Skinner-- Dean of Students
Nathan Johnson-- Trip Coordinator
Julie Hartinger-- Trip Coordinator

7th Grade LEC Volunteer Chaperone Application
March 6-8 or March 8-10

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ email: _____

Child's Name: _____

I have been to LEC: Yes/No

What can you contribute as an LEC chaperone?
Do you have any special skills, qualifications or experiences?

_____ I have had formal medical training.

Please explain:

_____ I have enclosed my \$75 chaperoning fee which covers food, lodging and transportation

_____ I will provide payment before the trip departure in March

~ Please return this form to the front office ~

