

Dear Families,

The Aspen Creek Outdoor School offers a residential school program in an outdoor, Arizona Central Highlands environment. Your child will be visiting the center with classmates and teachers and participating in a variety of outdoor classes dealing with topics such as natural cycles, energy flow, soil, water, weather, and teamwork skills. In addition, Aspen Creek offers a social learning experience in which your child will be living and working in a close community atmosphere.

Although the center is located in a camp setting, it is important to note that this is not primarily a camping program. The emphasis at Aspen Creek is on education, not recreation. Your child's class is participating in the program as a valuable extension of its classroom work. All major subject areas will be dealt with, including science, social studies, math and language arts. A full-time college-educated trained teaching staff will be instructing the students in a discovery and activity-oriented curriculum.

During your child's stay, supervision will be provided 24 hours a day. The cabins (with central heat and air) provide housing for students and adults -- teachers and/or other chaperones.

We ask that parents not visit the center while their child is participating. This is an opportunity for him or her to learn to function away from the home environment; plus, we are not equipped to provide for visitors. Children are not permitted to bring cell phones. Telephones are available for emergency purposes.

Aspen Creek reserves the right to send any child home for illness, destruction of property, aggressive behavior or any other acts judged detrimental to functioning of the program.

Attached you will find the **Preparing for the Trip** list to use as you get ready for our exciting trip.

It is required that you complete and return to school the **Participant Information and Permission Form** and **Noah Webster Schools Permission Form** by **April 18, 2019**.

Please contact your child teacher with any questions.

Thank you.

## Preparing for the Trip April 29-May 1, 2019

- ⊗ Students should be at the school on Monday, April 29 by 6:45AM with one medium size suitcase or duffel bag, and a sleeping bag or bed roll. Please label all suitcases/duffel bags. Follow map instructions that will be sent home as the trip approaches.
- ⊗ Please pack only the things on the list or that have been assigned. Other items must be cleared through the teacher.
- ⊗ Label all your child's belongings that are packed for the trip. A laundry marker can be used on clothes.
- ⊗ Do not bring cash, it is not needed.
- ⊗ Please pack a plastic bag for packing wet and/or dirty clothing on the return trip.
- ⊗ **Please check appropriateness of what your child has packed.** Remember that layers of clothing are warmer and can be removed if needed. Pack for all kinds of weather...warm, cold, or wet. Be sure your child has selected clothes that are designed to get dirty.
- ⊗ **Bring sun block and a hat during warmer months**
- ⊗ **Students MUST bring a refillable water bottle to the program to prevent dehydration.**
- ⊗ Students are responsible for making sure they have packed all their belongings for their return trip home. Although we have a designated "Lost and Found" area, Aspen Creek cannot be held responsible for articles left behind.
- ⊗ **Coming Home:** Parents/guardians should be at the school on Wednesday, May 1 at 12:30 PM to pick up students, at the West gate near the MPR.

The following items are recommended for the residential program:

### **Clothing** – School dress code applies

Jeans or slacks  
T-shirts, shirts or blouses  
Sweat shirts or sweaters  
Jacket  
Underclothes  
2 pairs of shoes (flat, close-toed walking shoes or sneakers)  
Pajamas  
Shorts  
Socks  
A raincoat  
Plastic bag for damp clothes

### **Linens** – *Place all items in large trash bag & label*

Twin bed sheets and blanket or a sleeping bag  
Towels and washcloth  
Pillow case and Pillow

### **Wash Kit**

Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Brush and comb  
Deodorant  
Soap  
Shampoo  
(other needed personal items)

**You May Bring:** Camera (not a cell phone), pen, pencil and notebook, good book for reading, **refillable Water Bottle**

**Please Do NOT Bring:** iPod, video game, **cell phone**, expensive jewelry, knives, money, gum and any important items of worth or value