



Camp Fitch Chaperones



Each year the fourth graders at Kensington attend Camp Fitch as a supplement to the curriculum. And each year, this trip is chaperoned by approximately 27 brave parents. This year, we are scheduled to attend camp from Monday, November 12, through Wednesday, November 14. We are in the process of collecting volunteers to chaperone this annual trip. Before you sign up though, there are a few things you should know.

There will be 8-10 teachers from Kensington at camp for the entire stay. The teachers will be teaching approximately half of the classes being offered at camp. The teachers' role at camp is slightly different than it is for a regular school day. The teachers teach classes all day and participate in the evening programs. They sleep in a dormitory separate from the students, and are not assigned to supervise any one group. They will, of course, keep close tabs on their homeroom students throughout the entire experience, and will always be available for support with students.

Chaperoning this trip is a challenge, and not a break from your daily routines. Chaperones will work as "camp counselors" for three days and two nights. Chaperones ride the school buses with the students to and from camp. They will work with two to three other adult chaperones and be responsible for approximately 20 students. All chaperones will stay in the dormitories with the students and supervise their morning, afternoon, and evening routines. The job will require a lot of walking (about 3 miles/day), enthusiasm, and patience.

Due to the overwhelming response in past years, we're assuming that more people will volunteer than we're permitted to take. If this occurs, a lottery will be held. Submitting your name early does not increase your chances of being selected. **If your form is turned in before, or on Wednesday, September 12, you will have an equal opportunity to be selected.** Everyone who submits their name will be notified of the results as soon as the lottery is complete. If you're interested, please complete the slip below and submit it to your child's homeroom teacher.

The selected chaperones must participate in a drug test and background check. These evaluations will need to be completed between September 17 and October 5 to allow sufficient time for processing before our scheduled meetings. Fingerprinting will be done at the Rocky River Board of Education, and the drug test will be done at a local clinic. Both tests are paid for by the Board of Education. You will receive more information about the testing if your name is selected in the lottery.

Sincerely,

Albert Wilhelmy 4th grade teacher / Coordinator

Camp Chaperone _____ male / female

Please check an answer. I have lived in Ohio for at least 5 years. Yes No

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

4th Grader's Name _____ male / female

Homeroom Teacher _____

