



De Soto Middle/High School

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Dear Sixth Grade Students, Parents and Guardians;

The sixth grade class will be taking the annual trip to Wyalusing State Park on August 21-23, 2015. Students will be staying at an indoor camp that has dorms, a main lodge, and a large outdoor area for three days and two nights. The trip provides an excellent opportunity for outdoor education as well as an ideal time for students to get to know one another and their teachers as they embark on their middle school journey.

Taking the annual sixth grade camping trip before the start of the school year is a departure from what we have done in years past. Due to railroad construction at a crossing near the boat dock in early September, the decision has been made to hold the trip in August so none of the educational experiences would have to be forfeited.

We will leave for Wyalusing on Friday, August 21, from school and return to school Sunday, August 23, at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon. There is a \$10.00 fee per student to cover expenses of T-shirt and craft materials included in the experience. Please return completed permission form with \$10.00 (checks may be made out to De Soto Area Schools) to the District Office (615 Main Street, De Soto, WI 54624) located at the south end of the MS/HS building by July 30, 2015. We must have an accurate head count no later than this date. If there is a financial concern for this fee, please contact us.

Please read through the packet carefully with your child. The packet includes information on the objectives of the trip, background information on Wyalusing State Park, a sample schedule of what students may do, a packing list outlining what students should and should not bring, and a permission slip. It would be helpful to make a packing list with your child to bring in their bag – that way they can easily check off items to ensure they do not leave anything when we depart camp. It will also give parents/guardians the opportunity to check packs before they leave – please follow packing guidelines closely. Each student will be allowed one pack (bag) and one sleeping bag (roll pillows inside bag). Sleeping bags should be placed in a large garbage bag. Please clearly label all bags with student's name.

Again, please return completed permission form and money/check by **July 30, 2015**, to the District Office. Planning for the trip is dependent upon an accurate head count. Information regarding a bus schedule for drop-off at school on Friday's will be mailed two weeks prior to the trip date. Busing is not from home door-to-door. Students can ride the bus from pick-up points which may include Ferryville, De Soto, Victory, Red Mound, Prairie View and Stoddard to the Middle School. Parents/guardians will be expected to transport their students home from the Middle/High School on Sunday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at achr@desoto.k12.wi.us.

Thank you,

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