

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP

GENERAL INFORMATION



Location: YMCA Storer Camp in Jackson, Michigan (about an hour away).

Dates: October 28-30, 2019

Students will be bussed from school to camp on Monday, October 28 and then bussed back to school on Wednesday, October 30. They will need to be picked up at Liberty around 1:30pm - we will be back with plenty of time to get ready for trick-or-treating!

Cost: Last Year's Cost: \$204 per camper. This is likely to change based on numbers and bussing cost changes. *This cost includes: round-trip bus transportation, all classes, meals and lodging.*

Payment Due Dates: Full payment will be due on **September 30th**. Please use Payschools to make payment(s). Payment for chaperones will be due on September 30th as well.

Chaperoning: Chaperones are taken on a first come, first served basis. There is a cost to be a chaperone. Last year's cost for a chaperone - \$110. We will need you to ride the bus with us and stay for the duration of the trip. Ideally, there will be 2 chaperones with 10-12 students per group.

Making Payments: Payments must be made online through Payschools for camp.

Outdoor School: Students participate in a variety of classes that meet many science standards as well as help with team building and creating positive friendships. Students have 2 classes in the the morning and 2 in the afternoon.

Lodging: Students and chaperones stay in a cabin. Each cabin has a bathroom with showers, heat, and bunk beds. There are separate girls and boys cabins.

Meals: All meals and snacks are provided by Storer. There are many options for each meal, including a main entree (always kid-friendly), soup, sandwich station, and a fruit & salad station. There are also vegetarian and gluten free options if you indicate that on your child's camp paperwork.

Next Steps: Once we reach 90% parent approval, we can send out the paperwork, payment due dates, and more specific information about camp. There will be a YMCA camp representative at Liberty's Open House in the fall to provide a camp overview and answer questions.

If you have not already signed and returned the attached 90% letter, please do so and send to school with your student as soon as possible. Be sure to watch for the permission slip and informational handouts in September!

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL 6th GRADE CAMP SURVEY

To: Incoming 6th grade parents
From: 6th grade teachers at Liberty Middle School
Date: Spring 2019
Subject: Survey for YMCA Storer Camp in Jackson, MI

We are interested in going to camp this school year and we hope that we can have your support.

The YMCA Storer Camp is in Jackson, MI. It is an excellent camp with a variety of options for school groups. We hope to go on a 3 day; 2 night adventure with our students during the week of October 28-30, 2019.

Camp is a great learning experience for our students. At camp, we cover many of the state's science objectives in ecology and the environment. It is also a wonderful team-building opportunity for our students as group problem solving and cooperation activities are incorporated into the classes. We have found that when 8th graders are asked about their most memorable experience about middle school, going to camp is one of the top responses. We strongly believe in all of the benefits a camp experience provides.

During Liberty's fall open house, a representative from Storer YMCA Camp will give a short presentation and will answer any questions that you have.

According to district policy, our camp trip needs the approval of 90% of our 6th grade parents. **Approval does not mean that your child is going, it just means that you support the idea of our 6th grade students going to camp.** Once we are able to obtain our 90% approval, we can begin to make more concrete plans with YMCA Storer Camp.

As soon as we have the votes in from parents, we will let you know the outcome. Thank you!

Student Name *(please print)*: _____

_____ Yes, I support the idea of Liberty Middle School 6th grade going to camp

_____ No, I do not support the idea of Liberty Middle School 6th grade going to camp.

Parent Signature: _____