

Pathfinder Spring Trip

Staying warm and dry is important. We will be outdoors much of the time and we do not want weather to get in the way of our activities. It is important to be prepared for rain or shine, sleet or snow. Remember it is Michigan.

Outer Wear

BIKE HELMET if you plan to ride

Warm coat/ fleece

Hat/gloves/mittens

2 pair of shoes (one for backup in case one pair gets wet.)

RAIN GEAR is a must – (poncho or Raincoat)

Clothing

1 sweatshirt, sweater or fleece pullover

2 pair long pants

3 pair socks

3 shirts

1 pair of shorts – if the weather looks good

Appropriate sleepwear

Underwear

Toilet Articles

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Soap in a zip lock bag or plastic container. Shampoo/ cream rinse

General Equipment

Backpack to carry personal items when traveling and hiking

Camera and or binoculars (optional)

Book

SUNSCREEN

Water bottle labeled with name

Disposable camera if wanted

Do not bring

cell phones, electronic games or electronic devices of any kind
candy, soda,
matches or lighters,
If you have any questions about whether something you want to bring is appropriate, ASK before the trip

Medicines

Parents if your child will be taking any medication (prescription or over the counter) please send written, explicit instructions for dispensing along with necessary measuring spoons. If pills are to be given, please put them in a Ziploc Baggie with student name, day and time of dispensing clearly noted. I would greatly appreciate it if you could get this to me by **Monday, May 16th**. Last minute instructions given to me while attempting to board 29 middle school students on the bus the morning of the trip will be difficult to handle.

The Mackinac Island trip has always been a non-electronic event. We do not allow **cell phones**, Ipods, tablets etc. This has always, initially, caused some consternation with the students. However, it has been our experience that the students become much more engaged with their surroundings, friends and the magic that is Mackinac. All of the teachers will have smart-phones available to take pictures, text highlights to school, and for parents to check in **IF NEED BE**. I will create a Google folder to be shared with all students and parents for pictures. If your student feels he or she must have a phone for pictures it will be with his or her teacher and given out for pictures only. These are the same rules we have at school. In this selfie obsessed / social media world we live in today, this may be the last time for some of these students to truly unplug!

Thanks for your support!
Shane

Behavior Contract Middle School Trip

While having fun and building memories are important, the spring trip is a part of our academic curriculum.

Every student is expected to come to this experience with the commitment to:

- **Being an active participant in all group and individual activities planned by the teachers.**

- **Follow all directions and rules**

Be SAFE, Be RESPONSIBLE, Be RESPECTFUL, Be KIND

- **Think before acting and speaking. You have a responsibility to the group to set your individual whims aside, to be a good sport by being positive and supportive of your classmates and adults supervising the trip.**

Parents, we ask that you go over these expectations with your student and have her/him sign the section below indicating that he or she understands and supports our expectations.

In the event any student is not abiding by the rules and expectations of the trip, demonstrates behavior which jeopardizes his or her own safety or the safety of any other person, that student's parent will be expected to drive to our location and retrieve his/her son or daughter.

We have read and agree to cooperate with the rules and expectations of the Pathfinder Spring trip.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____