

August, 2021

Dear 8th grade Families;

I hope that you and your 8th grader are looking forward to a great start to the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to continue the fall tradition of having our 8th grade students take part in the 4-day outdoor excursion to North Carolina from **August 30th through September 2nd, 2021**. This experience provides our most senior Middle School students the great opportunity to work together to establish goals and create bonds that will help to establish them as leaders of our Middle School.

Attached, and on [Stinger Central](#), you will find the itinerary and packing documents under Middle – 8th Grade Adventure Trek Trip. Families will receive a *DocuSign* email on Monday, August 2, with all necessary forms that require parent and student signatures to participate in this trip. Please make sure to read and sign these forms **by the first day of school, Tuesday, August 24th**. Due to the late return on Thursday night (9/2), 8th grade students **will not have school on Friday, September 3rd**.

As mentioned in my earlier summer letter, in consultation with our medical advisors, only students and faculty **who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19** will be able to participate in school-sponsored, overnight trips. It is simply too challenging to monitor our COVID safety protocols when students are in our care, overnight, in off-campus venues. Please let me know if you **do not intend to have your child go on the trip** so that we can adjust our headcount with the leadership team at Adventure Treks.

Once school starts on August 24th, the 8th Grade Team will be actively working with students to prepare for this upcoming trip. Please join us, via Zoom, on August 9th at 7:00 PM for an optional parent informational meeting to discuss the trip and go over packing recommendations:

- <https://7hills-org.zoom.us/j/4413401215>
- Meeting ID: 441 340 1215

In the meantime, if you have any questions concerning this trip, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

I look forward to welcoming our new leaders of the Middle School back to campus and look forward to this upcoming trip! Take care.



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