

We are in the process of finalizing arrangements and plans for our annual three-day, two-night outdoor education camping experience. The plan is to provide fifth grade students with an experience in living and studying together at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, 738 Hickory Point Lane, Amery, Wisconsin from October 11-13, 2011.

About the Camp

The main campground is a 22-acre peninsula beautifully situated between Bear Trap Lake and Lake Wapogasset, four miles northwest of Amery. The facility provides lodging and meeting facilities to comfortably house up to 150 campers. The camp is used year round by numerous church affiliated groups of all denominations, church councils, public school groups, area youth groups, men's and women's groups, and other nonsectarian groups.

Why Outdoor Education?

As a result of the program, we hope to offer our students the following opportunities:

1. To enrich classroom studies through first-hand experiences in the outdoor environment with plants, animals, soil, water, etc.
2. To teach the elements of democratic living through group living, planning, and sharing.
3. To learn the importance of ecology in caring for the environment.
4. To provide direct experiences in the natural and biological sciences.
5. To teach the importance of an appreciation for natural resources through realistic projects.
6. To provide the opportunity for meaningful work experiences.
7. To develop skills and abilities for healthful living and safety.
8. To provide the opportunity for students to learn to respect the rights of others, to assume responsibilities, and develop self-reliance.
9. To provide the opportunity for an enjoyable appreciation and understanding of the out-of-doors.
10. To develop desirable interests for wise use of leisure time.
11. To provide teachers with the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with students to better meet their individual needs.



Other Things You Should Know

1. **Camp Cost:** \$47.00 per person.
2. **Informational Meetings:** A meeting will be held for interested parents on Thursday, September 29th at 5:00 p.m. in the middle school commons. You may also turn in your health questionnaire, permission slip and \$47.00 fee at this time. Should your schedule not allow you to attend the meeting at this time and you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Connors at 483-2507, ext. 1202.
3. **Volunteers:** Any parent interested in helping out with this camp experience should contact Joe Connors at 715-483-2507, ext. 1202. All parents are welcome to attend part or all three days of camp. If planning on staying overnight please let us know no later than September 23rd so arrangements can be made.
4. **Family Night:** Family and friends are invited to join us at camp on Wednesday, October 12th beginning at 6:15 p.m. Those attending will be touring the camp and participating in a campfire sing-a-long. This will conclude at approximately 7:45 p.m.
5. **Attendance:** This three-day program is part of the fifth grade curriculum. It is expected that all students will attend. If, for some reason, there is a problem with attending, please let us know. Perhaps we can work together to eliminate the problem or make special arrangements to accommodate your child. We feel this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students, which should not be missed. If a child does not attend the camp, it is expected they will be in school on these days.
6. **Emergencies:** Needed emergency first aid or treatment will be provided by the Amery Ambulance Service and Amery Regional Medical Center, Amery, WI.
7. **Discipline:** It is expected that all students will abide by all camp rules. In the event a camper is involved in a severe disciplinary matter, parents will be called and asked to pick up their child.
8. **Chaperones:** Students will be chaperoned and supervised by school personnel at all times. In addition, a number of high school students have volunteered and been selected to serve as counselors and helpers.
9. **Reminder:** No student will be denied the trip because of inability to pay. Parents in this position should contact Mr. Connors at 715-483-2507, ext. 1202 before the money is due to discuss payment options.



10. **Contact Numbers:** We ask that parents DO NOT ask their child to call home during the three-days. In the event of an emergency at home, the following phone numbers are provided:
 - Day: Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp 715-268-8434.
 - Night: EMERGENCIES ONLY! Callers should dial the same 715-268-8434 number. Their answering machine message will give you the person to contact who will travel to the camp to contact our staff.
 - Cell phone: Joe Connors - 715-417-2247
11. **Due Date:** We ask that you return the Health Questionnaire, Permission Slip, and the \$47 camp fee by Thursday, September 29. **Make checks payable to St. Croix Falls Schools.**
12. **Transportation:** We have been informed that most of our regular buses are crowded this year. Students must ask their bus driver or call the bus garage at 715-483-2507, ext. 1500 for advance permission to haul their suitcases and bedrolls on the buses to and from school on the 11th and 13th. It is suggested that parents form car pools whenever possible. Those unable to find transportation to and from school are asked to inform us in advance and we will be happy to help make arrangements for your child.
13. **Supply List:** Students will be given a supply list indicating the items they need to bring to camp. This can also be found on the district website listed under the middle school tab.
14. **T-Shirts:** Students will be able to order a 2011 camp t-shirt or sweatshirt if they so choose. Students will be given an order form. This can also be found on the school website.
15. **Questions:** Parents with concerns or questions are asked to contact Mr. Connors at ext. 1202.



St. Croix Falls Fifth Grade Camp 2011
Health Questionnaire and Permission Slip



Student Name _____
Parent/Guardian _____
Address - Street/City _____
Home Phone _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Clinic/Physician _____ Health Insurance Company _____
Additional contact (if unable to be reached) _____ Phone _____

NECESSARY HEALTH INFORMATION

1. Any recent sickness that needs special attention or consideration?
List: _____
2. Any allergies? List: _____
3. Any medicine that should be taken regularly? ___Yes___No
If yes, give directions: _____
4. Any physical handicaps which require special consideration?
___Yes___No If yes, explain: _____
5. Any habits that require special attention?
Nervousness ___Y___N Fears ___Y___N Enuresis (Bed-Wetting) ___Y___N
6. Any other information which would be helpful to staff?
Explain: _____
7. Do we have permission to give your child Advil, if the need arises? ___Yes___No
8. Date of last tetanus shot: _____

If your child has a serious allergy (bee stings, penicillin, etc.) or a known medical condition (diabetes, epilepsy) that might require major medical management, you are advised to provide a MEDIC-ALERT necklace or bracelet if your child does not already have one.

If a serious emergency arises, it might be necessary for a physician to attend to your child before the staff can get in contact with you. Such care can be provided only if you sign the below authorization. Either the authorization or a statement of the reasons for not allowing it should accompany this health form.

I hereby authorize the official representative of my child's school, or the medical personnel in attendance at Camp Wapogasset, to provide for medical or surgical care for MY CHILD while he/she is in attendance at Camp Wapogasset.

Child's Full Name Parent/Guardian Signature Date

CAMP PERMISSION

My child _____ has permission to attend the three-day encampment at Lake Wapogasset on October 11, 12, 13, 2011.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date