

# Seventh Grade Trip - Camp Speers-Eljabar

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Plans for the seventh grade trip are in motion! We will be returning to Camp Speers-Eljabar in Dingman's Ferry, PA. The students will leave Drexel Hill Middle School on Wednesday morning, May 8, 2019 and return Friday afternoon, May 10, 2019.

Camp Speers-Eljabar provides us with an educated and motivated staff, outstanding facilities, and a broad range of environmental education activities that all of our students enjoy. Camp Speers-Eljabar is a modern overnight facility. Full and active days and evenings are planned. Students sleep in cabins accompanied by a DHMS chaperone, meals are nutritious and delicious, and all activities are supervised by camp staff and school chaperones.

The goals of the annual seventh grade trip are both environmental and social. Students will experience a variety of activities to increase their awareness and knowledge of their environment. Social activities will encourage participation and cooperation in problem-solving, team building, and developing trust and leadership among peers.

The cost of the trip for each student including bus transportation, lodging, meals, souvenirs, and program instruction is **\$240.00**. Payment for the trip is due to Ms. Holstein, our lead teacher. Final payments are due by Friday, February 15, 2019. Payment information, including payment plan options are on the back of this letter. We will not be able to reimburse the full amount should students decide not to attend the trip after making payment. A reservation will not be confirmed until the trip is paid in full.

Bed space is limited, so please do not wait until the last minute to make your reservation. ***Please be advised that discipline and attendance throughout the year will affect eligibility. Students with more than two suspensions and / or a pattern of lower level disciplinary infractions will not be permitted to attend. This will be decided at the discretion of DHMS administration. Additionally, students with 10 or more unexcused absences will not be allowed on the trip. Feel free to contact Mr. Kramp or Ms. Holstein if you have any questions about these policies.***

Please seriously consider this unique and worthwhile experience that we are offering your child. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [ckeeney@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:ckeeney@upperdarbysd.org) if you have any questions regarding camp.

### CHAPERONE INFORMATION

**This trip will only be able to happen with your help.** We are looking for chaperones to assist in this memorable experience. There is no trip fee for eligible CSE parent chaperones, once your child's payment of \$240.00 is paid in full. You must, however, obtain the following clearances in order to chaperone the CSE trip.

- FBI Fingerprinting Background Check
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance
- PA Criminal Record Check

All of the above forms can be obtained on the Upper Darby School District website. It is our recommendation, that if you plan to attend, you submit your forms to the designated agencies as quickly as possible. We are hoping that you can join us!

Colette Keeney- CSE Program Coordinator

**Payment will be collected in 3 installments:**

*(You are more than welcome to pay in full at any time before FEBRUARY 15th)*

- **PAYMENT #1: \$80.00 due FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th**
- **PAYMENT #2: \$80.00 due FRIDAY JANUARY 11th**
- **PAYMENT #3: \$80.00 due FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15th**

**Please make all checks payable to "Drexel Hill Middle School"**