!!CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

We need your help for:

FERNDALE UPPER ELEMENTARY

4TH GRADE CAMP 2020

THURSDAY, April 30TH – FRIDAY, May 1ST

at

CAMP TAMARACK

4361 Perryville Rd, Ortonville, MI 48462

VOLUNTEER CHECKLIST:

• Complete and return the VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM (REQUIRED if volunteering – return by April 1st or sign up online at http://bit.ly/2ToBhZq)
• Complete and return the VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM (REQUIRED if you are volunteering and have not completed previously – return by April 1)
• Read the CHAPERONE GUIDELINES
• Attend the PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETING (Date and Time TBD)
Dear 4th grade parents:

Camp would not be a success without parents who volunteer as chaperones. This is the time that we ask for as many who are willing and able to volunteer to enhance your child’s Camp experience. We have many positions that need to be filled and it is imperative that all parents generously volunteer. Please remember that camp can’t take place without your support!

Camp fees cover overnight lodging, meals, snacks, Camp Tamarack staff & activities. As a parent volunteer, your lodging will be free of charge and will include all meals & snacks. Parents can also participate in activities throughout Camp, although there a few activities that are reserved just for the children.

At camp your child will participate in activities conducted by Camp Tamarack staff with the support of parent volunteers. Volunteers are needed for all activities, for free time, and overnight supervision.

We will have a total of 16 cabins at Camp Tamarack to accommodate all of the children. There will be approximately 8 girl cabins and 8 boy cabins. Each cabin will need parent supervision. This means that we will need at least 8 women and 8 men to spend the night each night of camp. Parents spending the night must be at camp by 8:00 p.m. and able to stay with their cabin group until breakfast at 8:30 a.m. the next morning. The facility has showers and volunteering parents will have meals provided for them as well.

The attached Volunteer Commitment Form needs to be completed and returned to your child’s teacher by Wednesday, April 1, 2020 or you may sign up online (preferred) at http://bit.ly/2ToBhZq. Positions will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Once all assignments have been made, you will receive a copy of the schedule and will be expected to attend at the times you have agreed to serve.

As you will see, camp is a very fun, exciting, and educational experience for both parents and children alike. Please partner with us and donate your time generously to make this year’s 4th grade camp a success.

Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Your 4th Grade Camp Coordinators:

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2020 4th GRADE CAMP
VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM

As you review the opportunities to volunteer, please note that we are asking each family to commit to at least one time period, but encourage you to sign up for more. If possible, please sign up for concurrent times. For example, you could sign up for evening supervision and volunteer to spend the night, or spend the night and stay for the next morning shift. We really prefer all day volunteers if possible.

Please indicate the times below that you’re available to volunteer. We will reach out to you in advance of Camp to confirm dates/times. Note that times listed are “approximate”, but will be confirmed upon schedule confirmation with Camp Tamarack and prior to Camp.

ONLINE SIGN-UP (PREFERRED):  http://bit.ly/2ToBhZq

PARENT NAME(s): ___________________________________________________________

CONTACT E-MAIL(s): _______________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER(s): _______________________________________________________

CHILD’S NAME(s): _______________________________________________________

Thursday, April 30, 2020

• Student Arrival (approximately 10am) – Dinner (approximately 5:30pm)
• Dinner (approximately 5:00pm) – Bedtime (approximately 8:30pm)
• Overnight (8pm) – Breakfast (approx. 8:30am, Friday, May 1st)

Friday, May 1, 2020

• All Day (8am – 5:30pm)
• Breakfast (approximately 8am) – Lunch (approximately 12:30)
• Lunch (approximately noon) – Departure (approximately 5:30pm)
Camp Tamarack Chaperone Guidelines

Your Role as a Chaperone

Congratulations! By agreeing to become a chaperone, you have agreed to an exciting yet challenging experience. Below are some guidelines. If at any time you are unsure of your role, please ask your group’s host. We thank you for taking time out of your schedule to attend camp.

 ● You will be the cabin supervisor at night. This means that you are responsible for maintaining order and ensuring that participants get an adequate amount of sleep.
 ● Camp quiet hours begin at 10:00 pm.
 ● Also as a part of being a cabin supervisor, you will be responsible for the hygiene of campers as well as the cleanliness of the cabin.
 ● During the day, you will travel with an activity group. The camp staff will look to you to take care of behavior concerns. During some activities, it will be completely appropriate for you to participate, however some activities are meant only for the students.
 ● You will be responsible for making sure that campers are on time for activities and meals.
 ● You are expected to set good examples of appropriate behavior, language, and attitude.
 ● All chaperones at camp are expected to follow certain policies. These include:
   ✔ No smoking.
   ✔ Maintain a positive, enthusiastic attitude toward the program.
   ✔ Do not allow your behavior to interfere with the campers’ learning experience.
   ✔ Alcohol and drugs are not permitted at Camp Tamarack.
   ✔ Physical punishment of any kind (calisthenics, exercise, hitting, kicking, pushing, hazing or deprivation of sleep or food) is strictly prohibited by State Law and camp policy.

Cabin Supervision

It is very important that chaperones be in the cabin anytime there are students in the cabin. Please ensure that campers keep the living area clean and tidy. At the end of each evening’s program, participants will return to their cabins. Once they are back in the buildings, please ensure that they observe quiet hours.

Program Supervision

The Program Instructors will lead each activity. Chaperones are expected to be directly involved in the supervision of students in all activities. This will ensure that behavior issues do not take away from the experience and the safety of the students.

Dining Hall Supervision

The main role of a chaperone in the Dining Hall is to help ensure a relaxed, clean, and organized environment, reinforcing manners and proper etiquette.