



Hello 8th Grade Families,

Can you believe our Spring Into the Woods camping trip to the Barrier Islands in South Carolina is less than 3 months away? What an amazing way to culminate the middle school experience! On February 26-28, students will have the opportunity to spend 3 days/2 nights participating in a Barrier Island program exploring marine estuaries, maritime forests, discovering the amazing world of dolphins, and learning about sea turtles.



The Barrier Island program is held on site at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, located on Seabrook Island, 25 miles south of Charleston, South

Carolina. This site encompasses nearly 300 acres of pristine maritime forest, salt marsh, and a mile of beachfront. Participants sleep in winterized cabins located within the dunes. The dining hall is a short walk from the cabins. While nature provides the main classroom setting, other classroom buildings include a herpetarium, aquarium, arts and crafts building, and recreation hall.

We will be departing before you know it! **Please return the attached health and permission forms to your student's teacher no later than January 5 to reserve your spot.** *This is a hard deadline as I must turn in final numbers and dietary information to the camp.*

Most families made the initial Adventure Fee payment of \$50 for the Fall trip. **Remaining Adventure Fee balances of \$200 are due by February 15, 2024 for those that did not pay in full in the Fall.** The fee pays for 7 meals, 2 snacks, lodging, experiential classes taught by professional naturalists, and evening entertainment.

Payment can be made on the school website under the Programs tab. If you paid the entire Adventure fee in the Fall, I have it on record and you are listed as paid in full. Please contact me with any questions.

We will need several chaperones for this trip as we will be carpooling to the camp. Parent chaperones will be asked to have 3 to 4 students carpool with them. Although I wish everyone could chaperone these events, it is not possible. If you are interested, please complete the attached volunteer form. Chaperones will be selected the week of January, 8. There will be a chaperone fee of \$150.

Sincerely,
Chris Simeral
Dean of CTE & Nature Education

Barrier Island Parent Information

We are excited for your child to visit Barrier Island!

Barrier Island Environmental Education Program is a marine science field trip offered by St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island, South Carolina. We are located just south of Charleston on a barrier island with a mile of beach front, and more than 300 acres of undeveloped maritime forest and salt marsh. Dolphins, birds, sea turtles, crabs, shrimp, raccoons, and alligators are just a few of the creatures found here. It is the perfect place for learning about nature and have fun!

The emphasis of the program is on education, not recreation, although we strongly believe in making learning fun. For example, "Let's Sea" is our two-hour discovery walk on the beach studying barrier island formation, sand dune ecology, seashell identification, and salt marsh life (where students get in the mud). Another favorite class is "Need A Friend," a two-hour class focusing on communication and teamwork. We also offer fun evening programs!

Children sleep in comfortable, climate-controlled cabins in units of up to nine children and one or more adults-either teachers or parent chaperones. During your child's stay, supervision will be provided 24 hours a day by teachers and chaperones. As in any school, misconduct will not be tolerated. Children who severely neglect Barrier Island rules may be sent home, without refund. Any damages incurred by reckless behavior will be the responsibility of the student's caregiver.

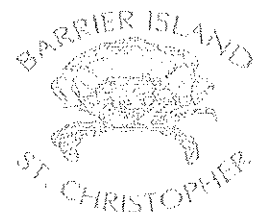
A completed Participation Form must be on file at Barrier Island for any student in attendance. Please be sure to inform your child's teacher of any dietary restrictions and environmental allergies (i.e., insect bite reactions).

An experienced food service staff will provide a carefully planned, well-balanced, menu. If your child has special dietary restrictions (due to diabetes, allergies, religion, etc.) please make sure to let your child's teacher know ahead of time, so they can notify us. If there are significant dietary restrictions, you may need to send pre-prepared food for your child that can be reheated in a microwave or eaten cold or room temperature. No food is allowed in the cabins. We will store food sent in the dining hall pantry and/or refrigerator.

Please carefully review the packing list and help your child pack accordingly. For the safety of the children and other guests, we only permit parent chaperones access to the campus during the trip. This is an opportunity for your child to learn to function away from home. Students are not permitted to use a phone under normal circumstances. In case of emergency only, our phone number is (843) 768-1337. Remember that no news is good news!

If you would like to send your child a letter, please mail them early, at least 7 days prior to your child's arrival. Barrier Island will not assume responsibility for lost mail. We do not deliver faxes, mails, or care packages to students. Please address your letters as follows:

Child's Name
School's Name (Must be Included)
Barrier Island Environmental Education Program
2810 Seabrook Island Road
Johns Island, SC 29455-6219



**Barrier Island Environmental Education Program
Participation Form**

REQUIRED FOR ALL GUESTS ATTENDING BARRIER ISLAND PROGRAM

School Name: _____ Date of trip: _____

Name: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

1st priority: Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Alternate: Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Are participant immunizations up to date: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Is participant covered by Medical Insurance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Insured: _____		Insurance Provider: _____	
Policy/Group Numbers: _____			

Important: Please notify us if the participant was exposed to any communicable disease within 3 weeks of the session start date.

Seafood/shellfish allergy (circle) YES or NO If yes, can participant touch it? YES or NO Can participant eat it? YES or NO

Permission/Consent

<p>I understand my child's school/group holds primary responsibility for medical care and administering medications. If school/group personnel are not immediately available, or grant permission, I authorize Barrier Island/St. Christopher staff to render first aid and administer medication for emergencies (for example: antihistamines for allergic reactions, and, if provided, epinephrine for anaphylaxis).</p> <p>If an emergency warrants referral to a licensed physician or medical facility for further evaluation and treatment, an attempt will be made to contact the parent/guardian (or emergency contact if adult). If that party cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the school, Barrier Island/St. Christopher, and the selected physician to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization. Medical providers will be instructed to send all bills directly to the parent/guardian/responsible party. This form may be copied as needed to provide medical care.</p> <p>I give permission for my child (and/or myself if adult) to participate in all Barrier Island activities (see www.barrierisland.org for full description of all activities), <i>except those noted as restrictions above</i>. Except in cases of gross neglect, I release Barrier Island/St. Christopher/Diocese of South Carolina and all associated board members and staff from any liability which may arise out of the above named participant's attendance at Barrier Island. I consent to photographs and interviews of my child (and myself) that may be published to illustrate and promote Barrier Island/St. Christopher/Diocese of South Carolina.</p>	
Parent/Guardian (OR Adult Participant) Printed Name _____	Signature (Parent/Guardian)(OR Adult Participant) _____

Additional notes/suggestions from parents:
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Allergies: No known allergies This camper is allergic to: Food Medicine The environment (insect stings, hay fever, etc.) Other

For each Allergy, please indicate what the camper is allergic to, the reaction seen, and action to take in the event allergen is accidentally consumed.

Diet & Nutrition: This camper eats a regular diet. This camper eats a regular vegetarian diet. This camper eats a vegan diet. This camper has special food needs (Please describe below)

The following non-prescription medications are commonly stocked in camp infirmaries and are used on an as needed basis to manage illness and injury. **Cross out those items the camper should not be given.**

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Calamine Lotion
Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin)	Bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto-Bismol)
Chlorpheniramine maleate (Antihistamine)	Hydrocortisone 1% cream
Dextromethorphan (Cough Suppressant)	Topical antibiotic cream
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)	Generic cough drops

General Questions (Explain yes answers below)

Has/does the participant:	Y	N	Has/does the participant:	Y	N
Have a chronic or recurring illness/condition?			Ever had problems with joints (knees, ankles)?		
Have frequent headaches?			Have diabetes?		
Ever had a head injury?			Have any skin problems (itching, rash)?		
Ever been knocked unconscious?			Have asthma?		
Ever had high blood pressure?			Had mononucleosis in the past 12 months?		
Had any recent injury, illness or infectious disease?			Will your child need any prescription medications at camp?		
Ever had seizures?			Had any recent surgery?		
Ever had chest pain after exercise?			Had an anaphylactic reaction?		
Ever had back problems?			Ever had ear infections?		

Please explain any "yes" answers, noting the number of question(s)

Permission to Provide Necessary Treatment for Emergency Care: I hereby give my permission to the PSCS staff or any competent medical authority to provide, seek, and consent to routine health care, administration of medications, and emergency treatment for me/my child as may be necessary, including but not limited to x rays, routine tests and treatment and/or hospitalization. The health history is correct and complete as far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted.

Signature of parent or guardian of camper _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent Volunteer/Chaperone Application



To chaperone on a Pioneer Springs Community School field trip, you must have attended a school volunteer orientation.

____ Yes, I have attended volunteer orientation.

Pioneer Springs Community School reserves the right to request a criminal background check on all school volunteers.

Personal Information :

Last, First, and Middle Name: _____

* DOB: (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____ *Gender: __M __F

E-mail Address:

Home Phone #: _____ Alternative Phone #: _____

Driver's License #: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____.

(Please provide insurance information if you will be driving students for field trips.)

Vehicle Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____

Date Issued: ____/____/____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____

(Please attach a copy of your driver's license and current vehicle insurance.)

Field Trip Information:

I would like to serve as a chaperone for _____ field trip.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Teacher: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Student Equipment List for Barrier Island Field Trip

****Remember To Turn In Your Completed & Signed Barrier Island Participation Form****

Make sure all items have your child's name on them. Clothes should be modest in style and acceptable for school. Only old clothes are needed since new clothes may be ruined by heavy outdoor use. Please know that all clothes have the potential to get *VERY DIRTY* and depending on what classes your children will be taking, they may need several changes of clothes for water activities

- 1 sleeping bag or bed roll (sheets and blanket) + pillow
- 1 OLD outfit to be worn in salt marsh (tie-on shoes required. If cold, please bring layers!)
- 2 pairs of old pants
- 2 pairs of shorts, bathing suit (warm weather)
- 5 pairs of underwear and socks for 3 days or 8 pairs of each for 5 days
- 3 shirts for 3 days or 5 shirts for 5 days
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 1 warm jacket & hat (cold weather)
- 2 pairs of sneakers (*one OLD pair to be worn in salt marsh and other wet classes*)
- 1 Raincoat or Poncho
- 1 pair of pajamas
- Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, toothpaste, etc.)
- 2 towels (one for beach, one for shower)
- Insect repellent/sunscreen
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Water bottle
- 4/5 Face masks
- Hand sanitizer

Recommended Items

- Disposable camera(s) (with child's name, school, teacher)
- Flip-flops or sandals
- Flashlight
- Sunglasses
- Cash for Gift Shop

DO NOT SEND

large amounts of money
candy, gum, or food
knives
hatchets
fireworks, weapons
radios, electronic games, cell phones, iPods,
smart watches, etc.
new clothes

Please note...

Children must carry all their belongings from the bus to the cabins (200 yards). Please limit luggage to one suitcase, backpack, or duffel bag, plus one sleeping bag or bedroll. No trunks! A heavy-duty trashcan liner can be used instead of a suitcase. Avoid sending unnecessary items.

The Barrier Island Environmental Education Program is not responsible for articles left behind, however we do keep Lost & Found items for a week following your child's trip. If you believe your child lost something while at Barrier Island, please give us a call at (843) 768-1337 and we will let you know if we find it!

*Mud pit clothes will be coming home with the students!
These can be washed and re-worn or donated to any
organization that accepts clothing donations.*