



Dear 11th Grade Family,

Can you believe it is time to start preparing for our Spring Into The Woods adventure? PSCS Juniors have the amazing opportunity to participate in a 3 day/2 night backpacking trip through the Pisgah National Forest on **April 24-26**. Participants will experience true backcountry hiking as they pack in all of their survival needs for the 3 days. Lake Logan Outdoor School in Canton, NC will be serving as our guides throughout this amazing adventure.

We will be holding a parent/student information session for students interested in attending the trip on December 19, 2023 at 5:30pm in the High School Music Room. *The session will include detailed information about what students will experience, what to pack, and most importantly expectations while on trail.*

This is an extremely intense backpacking adventure. Students will be hiking **5+ miles** a day up and down mountains while carrying all supplies including food, water, and clothing in their backpacks. Students will learn on trail water filtration, campsite selection and set up, food prep and storage, backcountry ethics, and leave-no-trace. Beautiful mountain views, endless star filled skies, and countless flora and fauna await participants. For some students it may be their first time sleeping on a trail in the wilderness, filtering water to keep hydrated, digging a "cat hole" to use the bathroom, cooking food over a campfire, and packing in/out everything they need to survive.

*Please keep in mind that we are truly in the backcountry. There is no cell service. Our guides carry a Satellite phone for emergency communications. **Once on trail, there is no leaving until we complete our journey.***

Lake Logan Outdoor School has approximately 15 sets of backpacking equipment that our students can utilize for the adventure. Many of our students may wish to bring their own equipment. *If your student can bring a minimum of their own hiking backpack and backpacking sleeping bag, it would enable Lake Logan to provide equipment for more of our students.*

Attached, Lake Logan has provided a list of items students need for the trip either by utilizing the camp's equipment, or the student providing their own equipment. Many items can be found on Amazon at a reasonable price. As students continue through their PSCS journey they will have opportunities to utilize the equipment on future trips.

Please complete the equipment form attached to the back of this letter indicating your student's need for equipment.

If you wish for your student to participate, please complete the attached registration and waiver forms and return it to the school no later than **February 15, 2024**.

*The trip is paid for by your student's Adventure Fees. If you paid the initial \$50 Fall fee, your remaining balance is \$200. **The remaining balance is due no later than February 15.** If you have any questions as to the amount you owe, please contact Mr. Chris at chriss@pioneersprings.org*

Chaperones needed! We will need a few parent chaperones for this trip as we will be carpooling to the camp. **Keep in mind, all chaperones will need to provide their own backpacking equipment.** 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. We are blessed to have so many active and involved parents. Applications of volunteers not selected will be saved to use in the event a chaperone can no longer attend or doesn't meet the requirements.

If you wish to be considered as a chaperone, please complete the attached chaperone application and return by February 15, 2024.

- *All selected chaperones must have completed volunteer training.*
- *Parent chaperones must pass a background check.*
- *Chaperones will need their own backpacking equipment*
- **The \$100 parent chaperone fee is due by April 15, 2024**
- **We will have a Mandatory Chaperone Orientation prior to the camping trip date to be announced.**

Sincerely,

Chris Simeral
Dean of Nature Education

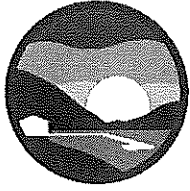
Backpacking Equipment Request Form

Student Name _____

- Student needs to use all Lake Logan Outdoor School's Equipment (backpack, lightweight sleeping bag, mess kit, sleeping pad, & rain jacket)
- Student will provide their own lightweight 20 degree sleeping bag & packable sleeping pad
- Student will provide all of their own equipment (60-65L backpack, lightweight packable sleeping bag, mess kit, lightweight packable sleeping pad, & rain jacket)
- Student will provide other items from the list _____

All students are responsible for bringing their own base layer, fleece (or backpacking jacket), wool or synthetic hiking socks, hiking shoes, and a comfortable hiking base layer.

Parent Signature _____



LAKE LOGAN

Group Name _____
Date(s) of Visit _____
Cabin _____ Room # _____
Vehicle Make & Model _____

Guest Registration and Release

Guest Name(s) _____

Minor(s) Covered Under this Release _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry, Inc Activity Release

I am aware that recreational activities can be hazardous and I assume all risks of injury, loss of life and or damage to person or property as the result of my use of the property or any recreational equipment belonging to Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry, Inc. (hereinafter "Lake Logan"). I agree that I will not hold Lake Logan or any person connected with the administration or ownership of Lake Logan responsible for any injury, loss of life, or damage that occurs in the course of my use of the facilities. I agree to pay for, defend, and indemnify Lake Logan for any injury or damage suffered by me directly or indirectly. I further agree that all equipment supplied by Lake Logan is provided "as is/where is" and release Lake Logan from any and all responsibility directly or indirectly connected to the equipment provided.

Coronavirus / COVID-19 Warning & Disclaimer

Initial _____

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a mean to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Further, I have read and agree to Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry, Inc's Guidelines and Policies that were provided to me for handling risks related to COVID-19.

Participating in Lake Logan programs or accessing Lake Logan facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. Lake Logan in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in Lake Logan programs or accessing Lake Logan facilities.

By signing this release, I certify that to my knowledge I have not exhibited symptoms, tested positive for, or been in contact with anyone who has exhibited symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Further if I am diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of leaving Lake Logan, I will contact the executive director to disclose this information. I understand my identity will not be shared with anyone else.

As a guest of Lake Logan, I recognize that my likeness in photograph, video, or other digital media (phot) may be taken and hereby grant the Lake Logan permission to use my photo in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

(As the parent or guardian of a minor child I make this agreement individually and on behalf of my child.)

Guest Signature _____ Date _____

Backpacking Trip Equipment

REI, Bass Pro, Cabela's, and other outdoor centers sell equipment for backpacking. Amazon can also be a great place to shop for equipment. The name of the game is durable and lightweight. Make sure you try out your equipment. Don't be afraid to send back equipment that doesn't fit or seem durable enough to withstand the rigors of backcountry usage.

Items that students can borrow from camp:

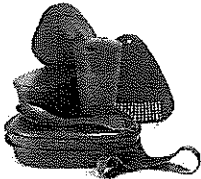
60-65 liter backpacking backpack



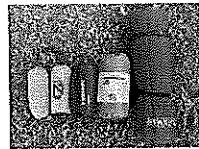
Packable sleeping bag 0-20 degree



Packable mess kit



Packable sleeping pad



Required items each student must bring:

Quality shoes/boots



Socks



Rain Jacket



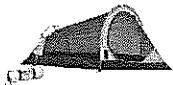
Base layer/clothes (No jeans!)



Water bottle/bladder



Optional: Packable one person Tent (Specifically designed for backpacking!)



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: _____