



Dear 6th and 7th grade families,

Can you believe it is time to start preparing for our Spring Into The Woods adventures? I am excited to send information about the 6th and 7th grade camping trip to Mountain Trail Outdoor School in Hendersonville, NC on March 27-29, 2024. Students will participate in amazing classes facilitated by Professional Naturalists at MTOS. We will be exploring beautiful mountain habitats, reaching new heights while climbing in a real rock quarry, overcoming challenges on the high ropes course, finding our way while orienteering, enjoying campfires, braving a night hike, and much much more. **The trip includes lodging in cabins and delicious meals.**

If you wish for your student to participate, please complete the attached permission/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, 2024.** Fees can be easily paid on the school website under Programs.* If you have any questions as to the amount you owe, please contact Mr. Chris at chriss@pioneersprings.org

Chaperones needed!

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. We need both male and female chaperones. Although I wish everyone could chaperone these events, it is not possible. Applications of any 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. You can find the training video on the PSCS website.***
- *Parent chaperones must pass a background check.*
- **The \$175 parent chaperone fee is due by March 15, 2024.**
- **We will have a Mandatory Chaperone Orientation prior to the camping trip date to be announced.**

Sincerely,

Chris Simeral
Dean of CTE & Nature Education



MOUNTAIN TRAIL OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Dear parents and guardians,

Thank you for your interest in Mountain Trail Outdoor School (MTOS). We hope that the resources on our website and that your child's teacher has will help you prepare for their educational trip to the mountains.

Mountain Trail Outdoor School is an environmental and adventure education program of Kanuga Conferences, Inc. in Hendersonville, North Carolina. MTOS uses an experiential education model to teach environmental awareness and to promote self-confidence in elementary, middle, and high school students. Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, MTOS uses the natural beauty of our area and Kanuga's 1,400 acres as an outdoor classroom.

Our curriculum combines natural science, team building, and adventure activities. Your child's teachers have customized the curriculum to fit the school's needs and goals for their trip. A leader in the field, MTOS has been successfully encouraging students to grow and learn in an outdoor environment for 30 years. Staff and teachers witness firsthand the positive impact that our program has on children. Our instructors encourage parent and guardian chaperones to participate as well, and often have as much fun as their children on the trip. If you are chaperoning your child's trip, please be sure to look over the *Chaperone Guidelines*, available either on the website or from your child's teacher.

Our instructors are outdoor education professionals. Most staff members are college graduates with extensive experience in environmental and adventure education and are positive role models who share a sincere commitment to educating youth about the environment. All instructors are at least First Aid and CPR-trained (and most have either Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certifications).

We invite you to explore the website and to contact us with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you and your child to Mountain Trail Outdoor School.

All the best,

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Director, Camps and Outdoor Education



MOUNTAIN TRAIL OUTDOOR SCHOOL

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School/Group:
Dates of Attendance:

General Information: Participants Name:	Parent/Guardian:
Home Address:	Home phone of Parent/Guardian: Daytime phone if different:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Date of Birth: / /	Emergency Contact: Phone Number(s):

Medical History and Related Information: Please list all medical conditions, medications, allergies, restrictions to activity and pertinent past medical treatment. Use back/additional sheets as necessary.

Immunizations:
 Are the immunizations current for the participant? Yes No
 Are the immunizations on file with the visiting school? Yes No
 What is the date of the participant's last tetanus shot? _____

Insurance Information: Is the participant covered by an insurance plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Carrier/Plan name:
Group Number:	Name of Insured:
Carrier Address:	Social Security Number of policy holder or insurance ID number:

Permission to Provide Necessary Treatment or Emergency Care: I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by Kanuga Conferences Inc. to order X-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for my child. In the event of an emergency and an effort to reach me fails, I hereby give permission to the physician selected to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the participant named above. **Permission for Photo Release:** I give my consent for photographs, audio/video recordings of my child engaged in Mountain Trail Outdoor School programming to be used by Kanuga for its promotion, website and news media coverage. Yes No

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

**This completed form may be photocopied for trips off property.*

Kanuga Conferences Inc.
Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement
(Child Release)

In consideration of Kanuga Conferences Inc., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, its agents, officers, directors, assigns, contractors and/or employees (collectively, "Kanuga"), providing access to and equipment and services related to a variety of outdoor and water recreational activities, to enable my child to participate in recreational activities, I agree as follows:

I _____ (PRINT YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME), the undersigned, being an adult (age 18 or older), hereby agree that I am the legal guardian of _____ (PRINT CHILD'S FULL NAME) and hereby give my consent to Kanuga to allow my child to participate in the following recreational activities (the "Activities"):

- 1) camping,
- 2) hiking,
- 3) challenge course,
- 4) ropes course,
- 5) rock climbing,
- 6) playground,
- 7) swimming,
- 8) canoeing and other water sports,
- 9) use of recreational equipment related to above, and
- 10) transportation to and from certain activity areas as necessary.

I understand and acknowledge that (a) there are inherent risks, dangers and hazards in my child's participation in any of the Activities; (b) my child's participation in any of the Activities may result in injury, illness or loss, including, without limitation, disease, bodily injury, strains, fractures, partial or total paralysis, disability or death; and (c) these risks may be caused by the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or unforeseeable risks. (____) Initial

I hereby assume all risks and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages in any way relating to my child's participation in the Activities. (____) Initial

I hereby waive, release, and discharge Kanuga from each and every claim whatsoever relating to my child's participation in any of the Activities, except for any claims that are the direct result of the active negligence of Kanuga. (____) Initial

I understand and agree that (a) the sole proper venue for any dispute in which Kanuga is a party and that may arise out of this Agreement, or otherwise relate to my child's participation in any of the Activities, shall be Henderson County, North Carolina; (b) the dispute shall be decided, at the sole option of Kanuga, by litigation or arbitration. In the event that Kanuga elects litigation, the venue for any action shall be the Superior Court of Henderson County; (c) this Agreement shall be interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, which shall be controlling in all respects and at all times.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT. BY SIGNING IT I AGREE TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE KANUGA FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, SPECIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING INDIRECT DAMAGES, AND WRONGFUL DEATH RELATING TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT FOR ANY CLAIMS THAT ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF KANUGA.

Participant Name (print)

Program Date(s)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Today's 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: _____

What to Pack

The weather at Mountain Trail Outdoor School can vary, even over the course of a day, so bring clothes for cold and warm conditions. Bring clothes that can get dirty!!!

Please limit your luggage to what you can carry. You will have to carry it several hundred yards to your cabin. Backpacks are better suited for our paths than rolling suitcases are.

Necessary Items

- A set of clothes for each day, plus a few extra clothes; *at least one set of long pants should be included.*
- socks and underwear
- pajamas
- two pairs of closed-toed shoes;** ** one pair that can get wet and one pair of sturdy walking or hiking shoes*
- sweater or jacket
- Sleeping Bag/sheets & blankets
- Pillow
- Towel/washcloth

- raincoat or poncho***
- water bottle***
- toiletries

Expecting cold weather?

- heavy jacket
- stocking hat
- gloves
- long underwear

***ITEMS REQUIRED TO ATTEND CLASSES @ MTOS since we will be outdoors for all classes rain/shine, will be checked by instructor prior to class.**

Optional Items

- writing or reading materials
- camera
- flashlight

- hat
- sunglasses
- laundry bag

Do Not Bring

- cell phones
- electronic devices
- knives
- candy, food or gum

- hair dryers
- curling irons
- jewelry