

April 18, 2016

Dear 6th Grade Families,

Our departure to MOSS is quickly approaching. This letter contains some important information pertaining to planning and packing, our departure and return and general information about our week at MOSS. Please read carefully and then reach out with any remaining questions or concerns.

Departure Your student needs to be in the MMS Fieldhouse at **8am on the morning of their departure**. They should drop off their bags outside the gym along the west wall in the designated area according to last name. Once bags have been dropped off students should promptly enter the Fieldhouse and find the appropriate line in accordance with last name. After attendance students will be directed on to a bus. The bus ride to MOSS is approximately 3 hours and we will stop twice. Once after about 30 minutes for a bathroom stop and once for lunch/bathroom after 2 hours and 30 minutes. We will arrive at MOSS at approximately 1:30 MST.

Return The buses will return to the MMS Fieldhouse on the Friday of your student's MOSS week. Students will wait inside the Fieldhouse for a ride. If students are taking a MSD school bus home may proceed with their bags to the school bus loading area. We expect to arrive at the middle school at approximately 2:00 pm PST.

Packing Clothing and sleeping gear should be packed in no more than 2 bags/duffels/suitcases. Please be sure to clearly label all bags for easy identification. Please use the attached packing guide to ensure you have everything you need to be comfortable at MOSS!

Food All meals are provided except for Monday's lunch. **Students will need to provide their own lunch for the bus ride to MOSS** or order one from the school cafeteria. All uneaten food items and all containers must be disposed of before our arrival at MOSS, so please plan accordingly. Lunches should be packed in disposable containers.

Electronics Students will not be allowed to possess any personal electronic device while at MOSS. Electronic devices for playing music, watching DVDs, reading eBooks, or playing games can only be used on the bus ride to and from MOSS. These devices will be collected before our arrival at MOSS and the returned to students after we loaded the bus to return home. If your student would like to bring a device for the bus ride please be sure to label the device with your students name. **Students are no allowed to possess cell phones while attending MOSS including the bus ride.** Please leave all

cell phones at home. If a student needs to contact parents, they may use a MMS teacher cell phone. Digital or film cameras are allowed, but all devices brought to MOSS are done so at your own risk.

Medication

All medications need to be given to the identified MMS teacher (Elaine Alvey- week 1, Rebekah Lamb- week 2) prior to our departure. Medications should be in their original packaging if over the counter (ibuprofen, aspirin, antihistamines, etc.) or in pharmacy provided packaging. Please place all medications in a Ziploc bag with the students first and last name and the attached medication information slip.

MOSS Packing List

What to Bring:

FEET:

- Thick socks (wool or synthetic; three field days, two travel days)
- 1 pair of closed- toe boots or sturdy shoes suitable for walking over rugged terrain; preferably waterproof
- Light shoes or sandals to wear inside and around camp
- Flip flops or shower shoes

LEGS:

- Heavy wool, synthetic, or cotton pants (2-3 pairs)
- Synthetic long underwear (this is essential!)

UPPER-BODY:

- Heavy weight insulated jacket,
- Fleece sweatshirt, wool sweater, flannel shirts
- Waterproof rain jacket
- Synthetic long underwear top
- Long or short sleeved T-shirts

HANDS:

- Light gloves or mittens

UNDERWEAR:

- Enough for five days (there are no laundry facilities at camp)

HEAD:

- Insulated or wool hat which covers ears
- Baseball or other cap that shields face from the sun

FOR THE FIELD:

- Day backpack for carrying gear, water, lunches etc.
- WATER BOTTLE (very important!!)
- Sunscreen

SLEEPING GEAR:

- Heavy sleeping bag and pillow
- Fitted sheet
- Extra blanket
- Pajamas

PERSONAL GEAR

- Soap and container, shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towel
- Comb or brush
- Sunscreen and lip balm with sunscreen
- Alarm clock (for chaperones)

MISC:

- Flashlight (IMPORTANT!)
- Pens, pencils, and a notebook
- Personal reading material
- Binoculars, field guides (optional)
- Camera and film
- Sunglasses
- Chapstick
- Money for the MOSS store!

What Not to Bring:

- Fire works, lighters, etc.
- Pocket knives, Leatherman® tools etc.
- Cell phones, radios, CD players, video games, personal computers, etc.
- Snack food, chips, etc. (no food in the cabins -wildlife control effort)
- Pets
- Tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs

MOSS Store Price List

Item	Before Tax	After Tax
Hoodie	\$30	\$31.80
T-Shirt	\$15	\$15.90
Fleece Beanies	\$18	\$19.08
Trucker Hats	\$23	\$24.38
Fidel Hats	\$25	\$26.50
Water Bottles	\$12	\$12.72
Travel Mugs	\$12	\$12.72
Ceramic Mugs	\$12	\$12.72
Sun glasses	\$4.72	\$5.00
Stickers	\$1.32	\$1.40

MOSS Medication Instructions

If your student needs to take prescription or over the counter medication while we are at MOSS please complete the following information so we can ensure proper administration. Please include this slip in a zip-lock bag with the medication and deliver to the appointed MMS teacher before we depart for MOSS.

Student Name: _____

Dosage and Time instructions:

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Any other important information or instruction about medication can be listed on the back of this slip.