

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How will chaperones be selected?

Priority will be given to chaperones available to stay the entire 3 days and 2 nights. If we do not have enough chaperones who are available to stay for the entire camp session, chaperones will be paired according to their available times.

If we have more chaperones of each gender than are needed, a random drawing will occur.

2. Is it possible for my child to attend only during the day?

Special arrangements may be made on a case by case basis with your child's teacher and house principal.

3. What if my child is not going to camp?

You may choose to keep your child home; however, these days are considered school days and students will be considered absent. If your child does not come to school he or she will be given an alternate educational assignment.

4. Will criminal background checks be conducted for chaperones?

Yes, each parent interested in volunteering as a camp chaperone will submit an application online for a background check through the Human Resources Department of Livonia Public Schools. (livoniapublicschools.org on the homepage)

5. What form of transportation will be used to and from camp?

LPS school buses will be utilized for students and luggage will be transported on a rented truck.

6. How are cabin assignments created?

Teachers will create cabin and travel groups based on chaperone availability and student requests. Efforts are made to honor requests but are not guaranteed.

7. What time should my child arrive to school on the day of camp departure?

Children must arrive by 8:30 am the day of camp and report to the gym with their belongings labeled with the name and cabin assignment and then report to class as usual. Parents can drop off luggage beginning at 7:00 am in the gym. Luggage cannot be transported to school by school bus.

8. Where should I deliver my child's medication the day before camp departure?

An LPS Medication Authorization form must be filled out and signed by a doctor with any prescription OR over the counter medication. Medication must be delivered by an adult to the main office the day prior to departure. Medications must be in original container with only the amount needed while away at camp. If your child already has medication in the office we will pull it and send it to camp.

9. Where should chaperones report on the day of camp departure?

Following the drop off of your child and their labeled belongings to the gym, feel free to make your way out to Howell Nature Center. Please be there by 10:00 am.

10. Will I be able to contact my child while he/she is away at camp?

In the case of an emergency, please contact Howell Nature Center at 517.546.0249.

11. Will students be able to call home while away at camp?

Students will not have access to a phone during their camp stay. Cell phones are not allowed at camp. In the event of an emergency we will make arrangements for students to use a phone.

12. What rules apply at camp?

All school rules and LPS Policies are in effect while away at camp. Specific camp rules are included in the information packet.

13. What if my child becomes ill while away at camp?

If your child becomes ill while away at camp, parents may be contacted for symptoms such as fever, vomiting, etc.

14. Where is the closest hospital located?

The closest hospital is T. Joseph's Hospital and is eight miles from Howell Nature Center. EMS responds in five minutes.

15. How long is the bus ride to Howell Nature Center?

The bus ride to Howell Nature Center is approximately 45 minutes long.

16. May parents attend camp during the day?

In order to maintain an organized, well-structured experience, assigned chaperones will be the only parents in attendance.

17. If I am a chaperone, could my child ride with me from camp?

Yes, if you are transporting them home you must check out with his/her classroom teacher before departing. All students must ride the bus to camp.

18. When do all forms have to be turned in?

All forms must be turned in by September 15

19. When is the final payment due?

ALL MONEY must be turned in by September 25. **ANY STUDENT NOT PAID IN FULL BY SEPTEMBER 25 WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND CAMP.** Refunds will be issued at the discretion of the principal and secretary if students cancel prior to leaving for camp.

20. What happens if my student has disciplinary problems before camp?

The attendance of any student who has had multiple office referrals, suspension, or a risk assessment will attend camp at the discretion of the principal.

21. What happens if my student has disciplinary problems or becomes ill during camp?

Every effort will be made to work out a solution to allow the student to stay at camp. In extreme cases parents will be notified and arrangements will have to be made to bring the student home.

22. When will chaperones be notified?

Chaperones will be notified during the last week of September.

23. As a chaperone will I be able to drive students home other than my own?

Students must have written permission to go home with any parent other than their own.