

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting "Item for Consideration"

Consent Agenda • August 11, 2025:

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

Category:

_____ Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	_____ Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
_____ Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	<u> X </u> Student Services	_____ Board Policy
_____ Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	_____ Community Relations	_____ Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	<u> X </u>
Discussion	_____
Report	_____

Facts of this Matter:

1. Travel destination and travel dates:
October 9-10, 2025 Shades State Park and Turkey Run State Park
2. Who is attending:
Zionsville Community High School Functional Academics Students & Staff.
Approximately 5-6 students and 3-4 staff.
3. Synopsis of the purpose for the trip:
In partnership with Camptown, students will participate in an overnight campout in Shades State Park. Students will stay overnight in individual tents, prepare their own meals, participate in team building activities and lead hikes. Prior to this trip, students will participate in four training sessions to build confidence and practice skills they will need for an overnight camping trip. The second day will conclude at 12:30PM.
3. Administrator who reviewed and approved the travel itinerary:
Matt Walter, Assistant Principal, Zionsville Community High School

Transportation	We will be using a ZCS white van to transport the group to the campground.
Parent Permission Obtained	A waiver will be signed by all students, parents, and staff attending the trip.
Cost to Students/Families	There is no cost to students/families. Costs are being used covered from the Student Opportunities to Achieve Real-life Success (S.O.A.R.S.) mum sale fundraiser.
About Supervision	All supervisors attending are all on the special education staff at ZCHS: Amanda Lucas, Andrew Slack, Jessica Berry and Cate Evanko. All have completed background checks on file with the school. Should a supervisor not be able to attend, we

	have enough coverage with the remaining three staff members to ensure the students' safety.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	We would be able to reschedule the trip for another date or postpone it to next year if needed.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

Students will participate in four training sessions before attending the camping trip. In these training sessions, students will learn how to set up tents, how to make nutritional choices while camping, and complete team building exercises. Students will also learn about best practices and safety when camping, such as how to keep a campsite clean and not leave anything behind to attract wildlife. These sessions will help prepare the students for the camping trip and scenarios or challenges they may encounter. Students will learn valuable skills such as how to prepare food, work together as a team, and problem solving. This is an optional trip for students in the S.O.A.R.S. program.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Some students may miss attending a general education class. Some students may be nervous about being away from home.

Financial Implications, if any:

There is no cost to students/families for those choosing to attend the trip. If approved, funds will be used from the Student Opportunities to Achieve Real-life Success (S.O.A.R.S.) mum sale fundraiser. The total cost of the trip and associated training sessions is \$2099, paid to Camptown. ZCS will incur the cost of the use of a school-owned van.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.