



Board Meeting Date: 02/12/24

Title: Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI - Extended Regional Travel - Countryside Elementary's Continuous Progress Grades 1-5

Type: Information

Presenters: Jody Desthubert, Director of Teaching and Learning

Background: In accordance with Policy 538, the following student travel experience for Countryside students for three days in May of 2024 has received support from the school's administration. Participating students will miss three school days for this travel experience.

This travel experience is coordinated by YMCA Camp St. Croix, an organization that designs outdoor learning experiences. We believe that when students are given this type of opportunity they are more likely to work to maintain a quality environment and that this personal commitment is essential in preserving the environment for future generations. All activities are interdisciplinary with hands-on emphasis.

Summary of the Travel Experience: [Itinerary for Camp St. Croix - May 1-3, 2024](#)

Overview of Standards that will be taught on the Travel Experience: As a conclusion and celebration of lessons and activities throughout the school year, Social Emotional skills will be integrated and celebrated throughout the camp experience. Content standards in connection with Science (ie. Ecology) and Social Studies (ie. Native American use of knowledge of land and resources) will be reinforced through outdoor interactive learning.

Cost: The cost per child will be approximately \$140 for room, board and program with \$10 allotted for transportation. A fund is available for people needing assistance. [Sample Permission Slip with Fees and Scholarship Options](#)

Transportation: Bus service will be arranged in coordination with Edina Public Schools transportation department. Chaperones will drive their cars transporting student luggage.

Accommodations: Lodging and meal arrangements - includes accommodations made for students with dietary restrictions and food allergies: Students and chaperones will stay in the YMCA Camp St. Croix cabins. Teachers will stay in a cabin central to the location of all student cabins. Meals with dietary accommodations will be prepared and served by YMCA Camp St. Croix staff.

Supervision: Mr. Nathan Monseth is the Lead Camp St. Croix Teacher. Additional supervision includes licensed Countryside staff and parent chaperones.

Recommendation: N/A

Desired Outcomes from the Board: This information is provided for the benefit of the Board of Education and its stakeholders.

Attachments:

1. [Extended Field Trip and Travel Application Form - Camp St. Croix](#)
2. [Extended Travel for School Board Approval](#)
3. [Board Approval Documentation](#)
4. [Plan for Trip and Camp Safety](#)