



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO: Board of Education
Dr. Al Roberts**
FROM: Hatch - Fifth Grade Team
**SUBJECT: Fifth Grade Field Trip to Oregon, IL
May 21, 2012 – May 23, 2012**
DATE: February 22, 2012

Field Trip Request

Please consider our formal request to take Hatch's 54 fifth graders on an outdoor education field trip to White Pines Dude Ranch, located near Oregon, IL, on May 21 – May 23, 2012.

Hatch fifth graders participate in this end-of-year event with glee, knowing that many Hatch Tigers before them have walked through the same forest, ridden horses on the same path, slept in the same cabins, and experienced the same wonderful opportunity to learn about the great outdoors.

Hatch teachers will accompany and supervise the children on their trip. We will also receive much welcomed assistance from the parents of many students. Last year some of the more accomplished musicians among the parents even led a campfire sing-a-long.

Educational Objectives:

1. To show students the diverse world of biology and ecology
2. To introduce students to many varieties of plants and animals not traditionally seen in Oak Park, and to show how their populations are interdependent
3. To improve students' geographical awareness
4. To deepen students' environmental awareness as stewards of the land
5. To deepen students' understanding of Illinois history
6. To encourage and improve students' physical fitness

Cost:

The cost of this educational field trip is \$115.00. However, the Hatch PTO will offset the cost with a very generous donation of \$29.00 per child. The PTO will also pay for the bus trips to and from White Pines and the \$57.50 per parent/guardian that volunteers their time to participate in the program.

Once we have a list of parent/guardian volunteers, we will give those names to Dr. Roberts' office along with the background check of each volunteer.

Sincerely,

Fifth Grade Team
Hatch Elementary School