

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: August 11, 2025

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip

Category:

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Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action X
Discussion _____
Report _____

Facts of this Matter:

1. Destination and travel dates: White River Canoeing/Camping trip. We will leave September 18 2025 and return on September 19th 2025.
2. Who is attending: 7 Students and 2 Staff Members in the ZCHS SOARS Program.
3. Synopsis of the trip: In partnership with Camptown, this program will start with (4) one hour training sessions to be held at Zionsville Community High School. These trainings will be held in conjunction with the overnight hiking camping training sessions. Following the training sessions, students will participate in an overnight canoe camping trip on the White River in Hamilton County. Camptown will meet the Zionsville bus at the entrance to the White River Campground in Hamilton County at 10:00 AM. We will shuttle up to the canoe put in and after some off and on water training paddle approximately 6 miles back to the campground where we will set up camp. The second day we will break camp and paddle from the campground to the 206th street canoe access, approximately a five mile paddle. On the second day there is one portage around a low head dam where students and staff will have to carry boats and gear along a sidewalk and ramps around the dam. The second day will conclude at 2:30 PM.
4. List administrator who reviewed and approved the travel itinerary: Matt Walter, Assistant Principal, Zionsville Community High School.

Transportation	We will be using a white van to transport the group to White River.
Parent Permission Obtained	A waiver was signed by all students, parents, and staff attending the trip.
Cost to Students/Families	There is no cost to students/families. The trip is funded by a sponsorship from a local business and revenue from the annual SOARS mum sale. Total cost is estimated to be \$1621.
About Supervision	Supervisors attending are all on the special education staff at ZCHS: Spencer Cassin and Jacob Shircliff. Should a supervisor not be able to attend, we have enough coverage with the remaining 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 necessary.
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Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

During this trip, students will develop essential skills such as meal preparation, team building on the water, leadership in tent setup, and navigation techniques.

Please note that participation in this trip is optional for students enrolled in the S.O.A.R.S. program.

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Some students may miss attending their jobs in the community. The students will need to take personal days off work in order to attend the event. Some students may be nervous to be away from home.

Financial Implications, if any:

If approved, the funds for the trip will come from the money raised during the annual mum sale fundraiser. There will be no additional costs for families. ZCS will incur the cost of the use of the corporation owned van and any costs for guest teachers.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.