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## Lake Bluff School District 65

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Date: April 14, 2026  
To: Dr. Lisa Leali  
From: Nate Blackmer

### Re: Outdoor/Lake Bluff Education Trip for Board Approval

Date: September 23, 24, and 25, 2026  
Participants: All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students (85)  
Location: Camp Edwards, East Troy, WI (Outdoor Ed portion of trip) and Lake Bluff  
Cost per student: \$150 (includes busing, food cabins and activities at camp)

#### Purpose:

The Outdoor Education experience focuses on team building, the development of problem solving and interpersonal skills in a unique outdoor instructional environment. In addition it will provide students with an opportunity to become better acquainted with both teachers and fellow students.

The Lake Bluff Education experience will focus on the history of Lake Bluff. Students will use handheld GPS units, still cameras, camcorders, and a laptop as they explore waypoints in East Lake Bluff. A waypoint is a reference point used for purposes of navigation. At each waypoint they will have to find the cache, read the information, listen to a podcast and perform a task related to the location. For their culminating activity, the students will create a presentation of their unique locations.

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