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September 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

The Classes of 2019 and 2020 will participate in our annual overnight outdoor education trip next week. This year's trips are scheduled for October 3-5 for the 8th grade and October 4-5 for the 7th grade. The site of our trip, YMCA Camp Mason, located near the Delaware Water Gap in Hardwick, NJ, will give our students access to 600 privately owned acres and over 72,000 acres of National Park land and the Appalachian Trail. Students will engage in activities that relate directly to Chapin's goals and curriculum. This interdisciplinary field experience has been designed to provide our students with valuable academic as well as social learning situations. The natural setting encourages the development of self-awareness, cooperative social and working relationships with other students and with faculty, and an appreciation for the relationship between people and the environment. We hope that this experience will encourage your children to develop environmentally sound lifestyles.

Eighth grade students and faculty will leave for camp from Chapin on **Wednesday, October 3 at 8:00 a.m.** **Students in 7th grade, along with the other members of Upper School faculty,** will depart for camp on **Thursday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m.** All students will return for **regular dismissal** on **Friday, October 5.**

While at Camp Mason, students and faculty will be housed in heated cabins. Showers and lavatory facilities are located in each cabin. Regardless of weather conditions, all scheduled activities will take place, most of them out-of-doors. It is important, therefore, that care be taken in planning and packing clothing and foot gear for the trip. **Waterproof** (not water repellent) rain gear, an extra pair of shoes, and additional socks are important.

A nurse will be accompanying the students to Camp Mason and will dispense all medication. Therefore, **all medication must be carefully marked with the student's name and directions for use in an original container, which indicates the prescribing physician's name.** Medications must be given to Patricia Stabler prior to the student's departure for camp. If your child takes medication to enhance attention, it is important that this be continued while on trips. Students will be engaged in activities such as rock climbing, the high ropes course, etc., which require following directions and focused concentration. Inability to focus can inhibit the experience of the child and the entire group. Please complete and return all forms if they were sent to you by Mrs. Stabler. We cannot allow your child to go with us without all necessary forms.

The camp staff requires that **no** snacks of any kind be brought by students and kept in their cabins. Please help us with this. Chapin and Camp Mason staff will provide snacks.

A permission slip, a Camp Mason waiver, a checklist of clothing and equipment, and a camp information sheet are included. **Please return the signed permission slip, the signed Camp Mason Waiver, make a copy of both sides of your medical insurance card, and return these to Caitlin Orantes by Friday, September 28.** Kindly discuss and review the packing list with your child. As students are required to handle their own gear, efficient packing is important. The cost of the trip is included in tuition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this trip. The entire Upper School faculty looks forward to a wonderful “wilderness” experience.

Sincerely,

Gilberto Olvera
Head of Upper School



FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parents,

Please review the details of the trip and return the bottom of this form to Ms. Orantes by **Friday, September 28, 2018. Please be sure to fill in your child's name on the form.** Students are expected to go and return by the means provided by Chapin.

Thank you,

Mr. Olvera

Trip Date: October 4-5, 2018

Destination: Camp Mason

Departure Time: 8:00 a.m. on October 4, 2018

Arrival time at Chapin: 3:00 p.m. on October 5, 2018

Transportation: Bus

Trip Activities: See attached itinerary

To bring along: See attached packing list

Other important information: See attached letter

Please tear off here and return the form to Ms. Orantes by Friday, September 28, 2018.

I hereby give my permission for _____
to participate in the trip to _____ on _____
Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

**YMCA Camp Ralph S Mason
Program Waiver**

Group Name: _____

Participant Name: _____ Date of Program: _____

Parents' Names (if participant is under 18): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email (parent email if participant is under 18): _____

Emergency Contacts (in event parent is unavailable): _____

YMCA Camp Mason conducts its programs with the best interests of its participants in mind and has taken reasonable steps to provide appropriate equipment and well trained staff for these programs. However, these programs do have inherent risks and although safety procedures have been established to minimize these risks not all risks and hazards can be eliminated due to the nature of the activities offered.

Living in the natural environment can be unpredictable. Some of the possible risks include contact with wildlife, falling, cuts, burns, bruises, sprains, fractures, falling trees, falls during climbing, falling rocks during climbing, tipping over a canoe, falling into the water, drowning, near drowning, hypothermia, unpredictable weather conditions. All of these risks may result in injuries to the participant. I understand that Camp Mason's intent is not to frighten me but wants me to be fully informed of all the risks. I understand that the risks listed above are not complete and that there are other risks that exist.

The potential of contracting Lyme Disease increases in rural settings such as Camp Mason. We encourage all participants to check themselves regularly for ticks and to be educated on the signs and symptoms of Lyme Disease, which may occur days or months after an encounter with a tick.

My signature below indicates that I fully understand the nature of the program at YMCA Camp Mason and I freely wish to participate. I know of no legal, physical or health reason why myself and/or my child cannot fully participate in the program that I am registering for. I agree to assume responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and to those risks that are not specifically identified. I understand that it is my responsibility to participate in a safe manner, doing my best to follow the safety instructions provided to me by the Camp Mason staff. I agree not to do anything that jeopardizes me or other members of my group. I (and my parents/guardians if I am a minor) assume and accept full responsibility for me and for injury, death and loss of personal property and expenses suffered by me as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein, and those not specifically identified, as a result of my negligence or the negligence of others participating in the activity.

My signature authorizes the management and staff of YMCA Camp Mason to act for me according to their best judgment in the event of a medical emergency and/or routine medical care. By my signature I hereby waive, release and hold harmless the YMCA, its management, volunteers, agents, and staff from any and all

liability for any injuries, death or illness sustained and/or incurred while at Camp and /or while using any facilities of, or participating in any of the activities of YMCA Camp Mason. I grant permission for emergency medical treatment and/or routine medical care by the YMCA camp staff, a rescue squad, private physician and/or hospital or emergency health care facility staff, under the same circumstances as above, if needed. Any such action will be taken in the best interest of my child and will be reported to me as soon as possible. My signature waives and/or releases YMCA Camp Mason from any and all liability and/or financial responsibility for any medical expenses incurred. I understand that YMCA Camp Mason does not carry or maintain health, medical or disability insurance coverage for any Participant. Each Participant is required to obtain their own medical or health insurance coverage.

In consideration of having myself or my minor child or ward participate in the Outdoor Center program to be offered by YMCA Camp Mason, I agree to waive and release all future claims, demands or causes of action which the undersigned and/or such participant might have by reason of any loss, damage, expenses, injury or death arising out of or in any way connected with such person's participation in such program. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless YMCA Camp Mason, their agents, officers, directors, employees and volunteers from and against any such claim, demands or causes of action.

By signing below, I acknowledge that it is understood that YMCA Camp Mason is a non-profit corporation, organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and as such, is immune from liability to its beneficiaries for the negligence of its agents, servants or employees under N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-7.

I give YMCA Camp Mason permission to use any photographs taken of myself and/or my child while participating in programs at Camp Mason.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian/Participant

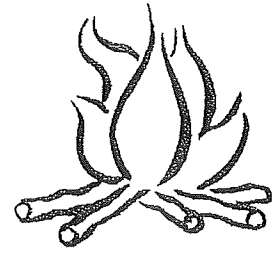
If the participant is under 18 I am signing as the parent/guardian to reflect my understanding and acceptance of the risks involved in attending programs at YMCA Camp Mason.

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Chapin School

7th and 8th Grade



Wednesday, October 3 8th Grade schedule

10:30
11:30-1:00

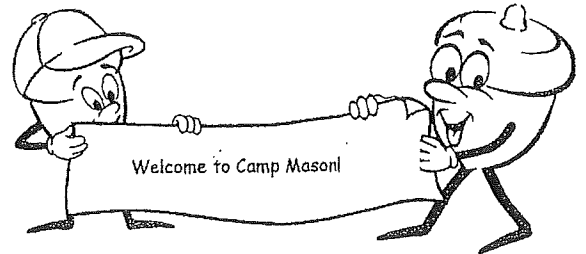
1:15
2:00-3:30

3:45-5:15

5:30
7:00

Arrival and move into Apache 7-8 & Hillside

- a) ASE
 - b) Firecracker
 - c) Giant Swing
- Lunch
- a) Firecracker
 - b) Giant Swing
 - c) ASE
- a) Giant Swing
 - b) ASE
 - c) Firecracker



Dinner
Dutch Auction

Thursday, October 4 8th Grade schedule

8:00
9:00-12:30

12:45
1:45-5:15

5:30
6:30-7:30
7:30-9:30

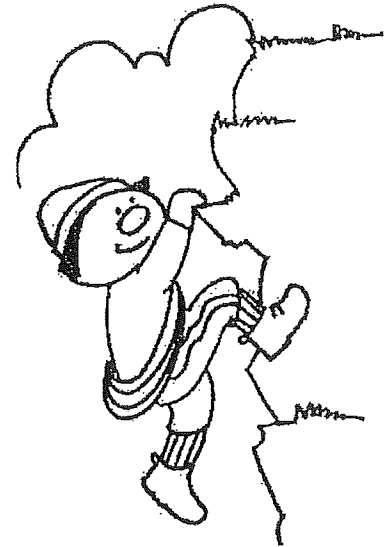
Breakfast

- 1) High Ropes
- 2) Rick's Rocks

Lunch

- 2) Rick's Rocks
- 1) High Ropes

Dinner
Campfire
Dance in Dining Hall



Friday, October 5 8th Grade schedule

8:00
9:00-11:15
11:30

Breakfast, pack up, bring gear to courts
Firetower Hike for all
Departure

Thursday, October 4
7th Grade schedule

10:00
10:15-12:30
12:45

Arrival and move into Apache 3-6
ASE (3 groups)
Lunch

1:45-3:15

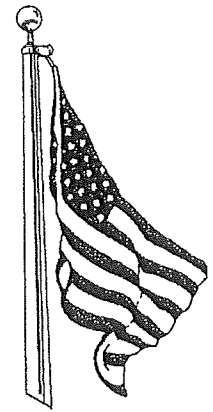
a) Geocaching
b) Archery
c) Climbing Wall

3:30-5:00

a) Archery
b) Climbing Wall
c) Geocaching

5:00-5:30
5:30
6:30-7:30
7:30-9:30

New Games
Dinner
Campfire
Dance in Dining Hall



Friday, October 5
7th Grade schedule

8:00
9:00-10:30

Breakfast, pack up, clean up

a) Climbing Wall
b) Geocaching
c) Archery

10:45-11:15
11:30
12:00

Pack gear and bring down to courts
Lunch
Departure

