

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF EDISON TOWNSHIP
DIVISION OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

September 16, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Public Schools of Edison Township will conduct a Residential Outdoor Environmental Education Program for fifth graders at the Bernie Camp in Port Murray, New Jersey, as an extension of the district's regular fifth-grade curriculum. The dates for JMI's trip(s) to Camp Bernie are:

November 18-19 (Monday-Tuesday)	H/R 5-6, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, LLD
November 19-20 (Tuesday- Wednesday)	H/R 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5

We will depart from JMI at 9:15 AM on Monday/Tuesday and will return at approximately 1:30 PM on Tuesday/Wednesday. This official school program is voluntary; **children not participating in the Camp Bernie program are expected to attend school on November 18 & 19/ November 19 & 20 and will be placed in another classroom for those days.**

In order for your child to take part in this program, you must complete and return the bottom portion of this sheet, giving your approval for your child's participation. You must also sign the attached YMCA Waiver Form. **Return the completed permission slip, Ridgewood YMCA Waiver form, and Health Information for Field Trips (HS Form #28) to your child's homeroom teacher on, but preferably before, Friday, October 11, 2019.**

While participating in this program, students will be under the supervision of the Public Schools of Edison Township at all times. School health and conduct rules will be administered by administrators, school nurses, and teachers employed by the Edison Board of Education. There will be an orientation for parents on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 PM at JP Stevens High School, where parents will be given more information. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is a free trip for our fifth-grade students. All costs are paid for by the district.

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**Permission Slip
Grade 5 Outdoor Environmental Education Program at Camp Bernie
Due by Friday, October 11, 2019**

I hereby grant permission for _____ to participate with fifth grade
(Please print student's name)

classmates in the Residential Outdoor Environmental Education Program at Camp Bernie for one and one-half days (Monday, November 18th–Tuesday, November 19th **OR** Tuesday, November 19th–Wednesday, November 20th). I understand that my child's good conduct in school prior to the Bernie program, as determined by the Principal, is a condition of his/her participation.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

PARENT: Please Check One:

- Should there be a need for chaperones, I will gladly volunteer. I understand I will be notified by email if I am needed as a chaperone.
- I am not interested in being a chaperone.

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)

(Relationship to Student)

Email Address

Return completed forms to your child's homeroom teacher by October 11, 2019