

Deer Valley

2026

A Step-by-Step Guide



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Earthwarden Program
Boyce Middle School

DEER VALLEY INFORMATION MEETING AGENDA – Feb. 5, 2026



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1. **Introduction**
2. **Description of Program and Deer Valley Website**
3. **Volunteer Clearance Requirements (Child Protective Services Law)**
Chief Sean Bryson, USC School District Safety & Security
Ronald Good, Safety & Security Coordinator
4. **Important Due Dates**
February 19th
 - Online Registration
 - Adult and Student Health Form (blue sheet)
 - Release and Waiver Form (online)
 - Deer Valley Permission Agreement (green sheet)**March 13th**
 - Volunteer Clearances
 - Payment of Remaining Balance
5. **Online Registration**
 - See the directions in this packet for how to register yourself and/or your child for the trip.
 - Please complete and submit the Online Registration by **February 19th**.
6. **Adult/Student Health Form**
 - All information is kept confidential and is needed in case of emergency.
 - Are you willing to volunteer your medical expertise?
 - Blue form must be completed, signed, and returned by **February 19th to your child's homeroom teacher.**
7. **Combined Student and Adult Cost: \$240.00** (checks payable to **Boyce Middle School**)
 - All students will receive a free Earthwarden T-shirt. Parents may purchase a T-shirt for an additional cost.
 - Please pay your remaining balance by **March 13th**.
 - Please contact the team at deervalley@uscisd.k12.pa.us with any questions about payment.
8. **Lodging Arrangements – We will begin this process at school in early March.**
 - Cabin Parents: At least 2 parent chaperones per cabin.
 - *Male adults and students in Legacy Cabins:*
 - ✓ We will place up to 7 people total in the Legacy Cabins
 - ✓ At least 2 adult males required in a cabin with up to 5 boys
 - *Female adults and students in Generation Cabins:*
 - ✓ We will place up to 9 people total in the Generation Cabins
 - ✓ At least 2 adult females required in a cabin with up to 7 girls
9. **Transportation Options**
 - Parent will transport themselves and student in personal vehicle.
 - Student and adult will ride the bus together.
 - Student rides provided bus because an adult is not attending.
10. **Things to Bring Lists for Adults and Students**
11. **How to Contact Deer Valley**
 - 24-hour phone number: 1-800-YMCA-FUN (1-800-962-2386) or www.deervalleyymca.org
12. **April Parent Meeting – Thursday, April 23rd from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Folder pick-up begins @ 5:30 PM.**
13. **Questions?**

May 4-5, 2026.....	Fedko/Gremba/Gehrlein(Team Wind)
May 6-7, 2026.....	Thomas/Schaffer/Clark (Team Eco)
May 11-12, 2026.....	Kaufman/Goelz/Yoder (Team Energy)
May 13-14, 2026.....	Boltz/Gaetano/Sully (Team Solar Power)

We are so excited for you and/or your child to join us on this year's Deer Valley trip! To make that happen, there are some things that you must take care of first. So, let's get started on your checklist!

Online Registration

Complete and submit the Online Registration located on the Boyce Middle School website. Directions can be found in this packet. All parents MUST complete this online form even if you are not attending Deer Valley with your child! Please submit this online registration form no later than **February 19th**.

Volunteer Clearances

ALL adults attending the Deer Valley trip, for any length of time, MUST obtain all required volunteer clearances as outlined on the Upper St. Clair School District website. To start this process please go to the school district website at <https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/>. Click on the *Information* tab in the menu bar at the top of the page and then click on *Volunteer Clearances*. If you have any questions about clearances, you may contact Chief Bryson at 412-833-1600 ext. 2560 or sbryson@uscsd.k12.pa.us.

We ask that you take care of this right away because it may take several weeks to receive all of your clearance results! They should be started by February 13th to ensure completion. The district requires these to be filed by **March 13th**.

Please note that clearances will **NOT be accepted by email or at the Boyce Office. They **MUST** be hand-delivered to the District Administration Building or sent by U.S. mail to the following address:*

Upper St. Clair School District Administration Building
Attn: Confidential Volunteer Clearances
1775 McLaughlin Run Road
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

You will receive an email containing a link to a Deer Valley participant waiver. This is a camp requirement for anyone who is attending a Deer Valley trip. This form must be completed online by **February 19th**.

Adult and Student Health Form

Complete both sides, sign, and return the blue Adult and Student Health Form to your child's homeroom teacher by **February 19th**. The student information needs to be completed even if an adult is not attending the trip. If you have specific questions about dietary needs, please contact the team at deervalley@uscgsd.k12.pa.us.

Deer Valley Permission Agreement

Complete, sign, and return the green Deer Valley Permission Agreement form to your child's homeroom teacher by **February 19th**.

Payment of Remaining Balance

You should have received an email containing your invoice for payment of your remaining balance for the trip. Follow the directions at the bottom of the invoice to use the QR code and pay online. You may also return your invoice with payment of your remaining balance to your child's homeroom teacher by **March 13th**. Please make checks payable to **Boyce Middle School**.

You can do this!





Deer Valley Online Registration

Thank you for taking a few minutes of your time to complete the Online Registration. Deer Valley provides an excellent opportunity to create memories with your son or daughter that will last a lifetime. The expectation is that everyone attending Deer Valley will help during activities so that Boyce staff and parents, together, may accomplish the goals of the Deer Valley trip. In addition to helping during your stay, there are opportunities for you to co-lead and/or volunteer for some activities. To ensure the safety of all persons involved in our Deer Valley *Earthwarden Program*, we ask that you read the policies regarding procedures for our Deer Valley trips. These policies are required by our school district, and must be complied with in order to attend a trip. Regardless if an adult is attending the trip or not, we ask that you complete the registration so that we have record of your child attending. We thank you in advance and ask that you complete your **Online Registration by February 13th, 2026.**

Below is a step-by-step guide to assist you in completing the parent registration:

- STEP ONE:** Go to the Upper St. Clair School District web site at www.uscsd.k12.pa.us.
- STEP TWO:** Located in the upper right-hand corner of the home page is a pull-down menu to **Select a school**. Click on the arrow and select *Boyce Middle School*.
- STEP THREE:** Once on the Boyce page, scroll down to the **Quick Links** on the left side of the page. Click on the **Deer Valley** link near the bottom of this list.
- STEP FOUR:** Once at the Deer Valley website, you will see a link for **Online Registration**. Click on it. Scroll to the bottom of this page and click on the link for **Online Registration**.
- STEP FIVE:** Complete the registration form that follows and click the box labeled **Done**. Please read all directions carefully to ensure accurate information!

Please contact the team at deervalley@uscsd.k12.pa.us if there are any questions and/or problems during your registration.