

Sea Camp 2010

March 24-26, 2010

The fifth grade team organized the learning groups and dormitory assignments for Sea Camp. We plan to have that list ready by the time of our informational meeting prior to March 24th.

PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED NEWFOUND HARBOR MARINE INSTITUTE (NHMI) POLICIES WITH YOUR CHILD

The following is additional information which may be helpful in planning for the trip.

Departure: Wednesday, March 24, students should arrive at Beachland at 6:00 a.m. to check in with their chaperone in the cafeteria. At that time, students will give medications and money envelopes to their chaperones. Luggage will be loaded and **we will depart at 6:30 a.m. sharp. We will not be waiting for stragglers.**

Money: On the way down, we'll stop for lunch at a McDonald's in Marathon, and on the return trip, we'll stop at a service plaza on the Florida Turnpike. At NHMI there is a "Ship's Store" which sells t-shirts, souvenirs, snacks, etc. We feel that \$20.00 should be sufficient for the gift shop, plus \$5.00 for each meal, which comes to a total of \$30.00. We'll issue each child a bank envelope in which you can put their spending money. That envelope will be help by the chaperones, until the child will need it. It will be locked up in a safe at NHMI during our time at Sea Camp.

Bus Ride: Students may bring snack size food on the bus (**NO CANDY OR GUM**). We leave very early, and don't stop for lunch until 12:00. This snack should be **packed in their backpacks** along with a blanket, as it gets cold on the bus, pillow if they want to nap, a book to read, pencil and paper, and other games they can play to amuse themselves. Other snacks may be packed in students' luggage. Students are allowed to bring iPods to listen to on the bus. Nintendo DS/Gameboys and other electronic equipment are allowed. However, there is no way to secure

valuables at NHMI. The bus is equipped to show videos, and we'll show G rated movies. If you have any videos you would like to send for the students to watch, please make sure your name is written on them.

Security of Valuables: There is no way to secure valuables at NHMI. The dorms have no locks. Chaperones will lock up students' money in the office. Students should not take anything they can't afford to lose.

Medication: All medication needs to be accompanied by an attached form. Medications must be given to your child's chaperone. **Students shouldn't have any medication in their possession.** All medications must be sent in a plastic bag marked clearly with the child's name, dosage, times to be administered, and other pertinent information. Please send only the amount needed for the time we'll be at Sea Camp. You might want to provide Motrin, Advil, Tylenol, or Dramamine just in case. If you have medication here at school for your child, you'll need to get it by Tuesday (March 23), as we can't access it on Wednesday morning.

Chaperones: **Mr. Bill Kolesnik, Ms. Stephanie Tippins, Mrs. Dianne Jellie, Mrs. Adrienne Polverari, Mrs. Beth Dunton, Mr. Adam Faust**

Telephones: There is a pay phone that students may use to call you. They must dial collect or with a phone card. If you wish your child to call from the pay phone, please instruct them on how to do this.

Cell Phones: If you allow your child to bring a cell phone, **please let us know. The cell phone is to be used to contact parents ONLY while at Sea Camp. They won't be able to have cell phones with them during instruction**, but they can call you during their free time, and notify you of when we will be returning. **Students are responsible for the cell phones they bring with them.**

Phone number at Big Pine Key: (305)-872-2331

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY: Chaperone cell phones

Mr. Kolesnik (772)-696-2443; Ms. Tippins (772)-633-8098; Mrs. Jellie (772)-205-9900; Mrs. Polverari (772)-473-8461; Mrs. Dunton (772)-215-0356; Mr. Faust (772)-713-0869

Packing List:

Swimsuits (2), shorts, shirts, underwear, socks, sleep wear
Warm clothes (jeans, sweatshirt and or jacket)
Old tennis shoes
Water shoes (**NO FLIP FLOPS**) for wading
3-beach towels (they don't dry very fast), wash cloth, toiletries (**including soap**)
Sleeping bag or linens (twin size), pillow
Sunscreen (hat)
Insect repellent
Plastic bag for wet and dirty clothes
Underwater flashlight (for night wade) **Can be bought at Wal Mart
Sunglasses, hat sunscreen, insect repellent
Money (\$10 for meals and \$20 spending)
Medications
Snorkel, mask, & fins (may be rented for \$10.00)

Optional:

Camera
wet suit
rain gear
bottled water – one bottle that can be refilled

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILD'S EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHES
CLEARLY WITH HIS/HER NAME IN PERMANENT MARKER.**

Other: All instructors have certification in CPR, life saving, Red Cross, first aid, and Captain Training. Each student will be taught snorkeling safety before going out in groups.

Return: We'll be returning on Friday, March 26th to the bus loop (South side of the school) at Beachland at approximately 7:00 p.m. Parents will be notified if the time of arrival changes.