

Northern Michigan – October 4-6, 2018

Purpose of the Trip

1. To experience the culture, history, and beauty in the northern part of our state - Lenawee County is a great place, but many of our students never get the opportunity to explore the world outside of it.
2. To provide students with an opportunity to learn responsibility for themselves, while gaining a new sense of independence.

Chaperones

Teacher chaperones will be assigned a group of students. Students are responsible for reporting to their assigned chaperone at every location upon arrival, while we are there, and before we board the busses. Students do not have to hang out with their chaperones all day. Chaperones will check on their assigned groups at "Lights Out" the nights spent at the hotel. Students will check in with their chaperones at breakfast each morning. Chaperones will also distribute medication at appropriate times (see Emergency/Medical/Dietary).

Supervision and Security

We have been assigned a Professional Tour and Travel Director on site to handle tour arrangements and assist us with any special needs. The Tour and Travel Director will accompany us to the various sites. Most of the sites will also include licensed tour guides. At the hotel, we will have two security guards on duty each night from 11pm-6am. Students will be issued lanyard style badges with the hotel telephone number and an emergency number.

Transportation

We have chartered two motor coaches equipped with restrooms and DVD players. Students will be divided according to gender on the motor coach. In the past the coaches have had Wi-Fi and outlets for student use, however, it is not a guarantee.

Luggage

Students may take one backpack and/or the Bob Rogers Travel draw string bag on the bus. In addition, they may bring one large bag/suitcase to store underneath the bus. The travel agency will provide luggage tags. These will be distributed with their draw string bag the Monday before the trip, and extras will be available the morning of departure.

Behavioral Expectations

Provisions of the school handbook are in effect during the ENTIRE trip. Students failing to meet the guidelines of the handbook, or adhere to the behavioral expectations of the chaperones, will be subjected to consequences that includes, but are not limited to, the following:

- i. Restrictive activities – to be accompanied by an adult at all times
- ii. Phone call to parents
- iii. Student sent home from trip at parent's expense
- iv. Assistance of local authorities

Spending Money

It is not necessary for your student(s) to have a lot of spending money. With the exception of breakfast the first morning, every meal and admission fee will be covered. However, there are times when the Cashback Allowances do not cover all that a student wishes to eat. If you choose to send money with your student it is recommended that an excessive amount NOT be sent. In the past students have brought a pre-paid credit card and have found it to be easier to keep track of. Students will be responsible for carrying and handling their own money. Money would be used for souvenirs, snacks, drinks, etc.

Emergency/Medication/Dietary Restrictions

Please complete and sign the Emergency/Medical form and waiver. This needs to be returned to Mrs. Matthews by Tuesday, September 25 along with the medication and written instructions for taking the medication. **STUDENTS MAY NOT KEEP MEDICATION ON THEM!** Please have them turn it in to me before the day we leave, or the morning of. Chaperones will disburse medication at all times. This is to insure that no one is taking anything they should not be in case of unknown allergies, etc.

If a student has an Epi-Pen or an inhaler, the student is responsible for informing us they have it, and also carrying it with them at all times.

We will be taking a first aid kit with Dramamine, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and Pepto Bismal. These medications will be available only to those students whose waiver has been checked in the appropriate boxes. Please consider signing for the Dramamine even if your student has never experienced motion sickness before. This will help us avoid the hassle of having to contact someone in order to administer it.

Please list any dietary restrictions as well. This information will be forwarded to the hotel in order to meet any needs.

Dress Code

The weather in October in Northern Michigan tends to be a little cooler. I suggest dressing in layers as mornings/evenings may be cool and afternoons warmer. Be sure to read weather forecasts as we get closer to the trip. Be comfortable, but look nice each day.

- The following articles will **NOT** be allowed as part of the dress code
 - No holes in jeans or pants
 - No yoga pants, shorts, or leggings are to be worn outside of the hotel or bus upon arrival.
 - No sweats, joggers, or athletic pants are to be worn outside of the hotel or bus
 - No revealing tops for the females

- Recommended Packing List
 - 2-3 pairs of jeans or khakis with NO holes
 - 3-4 shirts
 - Shoes or boots (comfortable)
 - Socks, undergarments (extra socks might be necessary for extra warmth and/or in case shoes get wet)
 - 2-3 sweatshirts, sweaters
 - Sleeping attire (must be appropriate)
 - Personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.)
 - Rain coat or light jacket
 - Personal umbrella (no golf umbrellas)

Be Advised

There is **NO** time built into the itinerary for swimming. This activity will **NOT** be part of the trip experience. Therefore, there is NO need to pack a swimsuit.

Personal Items

Please be aware the Madison School District, chaperones, Trinity Transportation (bus company), or Bob Rogers Travel Agency are **NOT** liable for any damaged, lost, or stolen items. It is the student's responsibility to look after and care for their own items. If something is stolen or misplaced, due to the tight itinerary, there will be NO time devoted to investigating the incident. Thus, we strongly discourage students from bringing high priced items on the trip. If students choose to bring these items they are to be used appropriately (inappropriate use will result in the device being confiscated for the duration of the trip).

- Students may bring the following items, but are responsible for:
 - iPod
 - phone
 - **hand-held** video games
 - Snacks
 - PG or PG-13 rated movies (to be approved by bus chaperones)
 - Pillow, blanket
 - Kindle/Nook/iPad (we do NOT recommend bringing them but will leave it to parent discretion)
 - camera

*** Phones, iPods, etc., will be turned OFF and OUT OF SIGHT during presentations and when the chaperones deem it necessary.**

- Students may NOT bring the following items*:
 - Video game consoles
 - Laptops
 - Energy drinks of any sort (Monster, 5 Hour Energy Drink, Adrenaline, etc.)
 - R-rated movies
 - Video cameras

*** These items will be confiscated and will NOT be returned to students until the regular school day on Monday, October 8 by Administration.**

Drop Off / Pick Up times

All students need to meet in the High School lobby between **5:00AM- 5:15AM** on Thursday, October 4 WITH their luggage. It is very important students are on time as they will need to check in with their assigned chaperone, turn in any medication, fill out luggage tags, and load their luggage on the bus. Pick up time is estimated to be sometime between 11:00 – 11:30PM Saturday, October 6. It is imperative students have their rides waiting for them as the school will be closed and there will be nowhere for them to wait. We will have students contact you when we are about 30 minutes from the school.

Hotel/Lights Out

Males and females will NEVER be in the same room or on the same floor. Each night at the hotel, chaperones will issue a “lights out time”. At this time, students are to be in their rooms and in bed and will not leave them again until morning. We will be around to check and secure your rooms at that time. There will be security guards on duty all night who provide a written report every morning of any and all activity in each room. There will be a wake-up call. Students are expected to report for breakfast every morning (even if they are not hungry!!!).

Meals

All meals are provided for EXCEPT breakfast and lunch the first day. Please either eat breakfast before we go, bring it on the bus, or sometimes we stop for a bathroom break where you can get something. You will also need to **PACK A SACK LUNCH** for later that day. There will not be anywhere to purchase food there. We will be having a late dinner that day so make sure you bring something to eat that will fill you up.

This will be a trip your student(s) will remember forever. We really appreciate the efforts and sacrifices you made to make this opportunity available to them.

With Sincere Gratitude,
The 8th Grade Team & Administration

Final Itinerary

THURSDAY, October 4 (2 MEALS INCLUDED: LD)

- 5:00 AM Student Check -in & load luggage
- 5:30 AM Leave **MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- breakfast on your own
- 11:00 AM Arrive at the **HISTORIC MILL CREEK DISCOVERY PARK**
- Sack lunch to be eaten at the pavilion upon arrival
- Begin a guided to witness the power of the creek harnessed to cut timber into lumber at one of the oldest industrial sites on the Upper Great Lakes
- The **ZIP LINE TOUR** is included
- 1:45 PM Leave and transfer to next destination
- 2:00 PM Arrive at **COLONIAL MICHILIMACKINAC** (*18th Century fort and fur trading village*)
- 4:00 PM Leave and transfer to **downtown Mackinaw City** for some free time
- 5:30 PM Leave and transfer to next destination
- 5:45 PM Arrive at the **JACK PINE LUMBERJACK SHOW**
- Fast-paced competition between lumberjacks chopping, sawing, pole climbing, logrolling, & more
- 7:15 PM Leave and transfer to dinner at **TOAST-A-GO-GO** for dinner
- 9:00 PM Arrive at the **HAMILTON INN** for check-in
701 South Huron Avenue
Mackinaw City, MI 49701
- 11:00 PM Lights Out (security guards on duty 11:00 PM – 6:00 AM)

FRIDAY, October 5 (3 MEALS INCLUDED: B, L, D)

- 7:00 AM **BREAKFAST** at the hotel
- 8:00 AM Board coaches to transfer to **CASTLE ROCK** over the **MACKINAC BRIDGE**
- 8:15 AM Arrive at **CASTLE ROCK** (*200-foot column of rock providing an unparalleled view of Lake Huron, the Straits of Mackinac, and Mackinac Island*)

- 9:30 AM Leave and transfer to next destination
- 10:30 AM Arrive at the **SOO LOCKS BOAT TOUR**
- Boat ride through the Soo Locks, the world's largest locking system
- 12:30 PM Leave and transfer to lunch at **THE ANTLERS RESTAURANT**
- 2:30 PM Leave and transfer to next destination
- 4:00 PM Arrive at **TAHQUAMENON FALLS (Upper Falls)**
- *One of the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi River*
- 7:00 PM Leave and transfer to dinner
- 9:00 PM Arrive at hotel for pizza dinner
- 11:00 PM Lights Out (security guards on duty 11:00 PM – 6:00 AM)

SATURDAY, October 6 (3 MEALS INCLUDED: B, L, D)

- 7:30 AM **BREAKFAST** at the hotel
-Hotel check-out and load all luggage on the motor coaches
- 9:00 AM Board coaches and transfer to the **SHEPLER'S FERRY dock**
- 9:30 AM The **SHEPLER'S FERRY** departs for **MACKINAC ISLAND**
- 10:00 AM The **Carriage TOUR** begins
- 11:45 AM Arrive at **FORT MACKINAC**
- the oldest building in Michigan and 13 other historical structures with exhibits explaining everything from military training and battles to medical treatments to family life within the fort
- 1:15 PM Walk back downtown to enjoy some free time on the island
-**\$20.00 CASHBACK** provided towards lunch use on the island
- *History science, and tech of aviation and space flight.*
- 4:30 PM Everyone meet back at **Shepler's Ferry dock** to depart for Mackinaw City
- 5:30 PM Board coaches and transfer back **HOME**
-**\$10.00 CASHBACK** provided towards dinner en-route home
- 11:00-11:30 PM **ARRIVE AT MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL** for parent pick-up

Madison Schools Parent/Guardian Consent – Emergency Injury Waiver Form

Name of Student _____ Sex _____ Age _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Address if Different _____

Family Physician _____ Office Phone _____

Known Allergies: _____

Known Dietary Restrictions: _____

I understand that my son or daughter is expected to adhere firmly to the policies set by the school.

As the parent or guardian of _____, in case of accident or serious illness, I request the school to contact me at the following numbers: _____

In case of an emergency, parents will be contacted first. Please list a non-parent contact in case we cannot reach you:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

I hereby give my consent for the above student to travel to Northern Michigan with Madison Schools October 4-6, 2018. I understand there is always a possibility of injury or illness.

I give permission to Madison Schools to administer medication as directed to my son or daughter. These medicines include:

Dramamine Tylenol Ibuprofen Pepto Bismal

Others: _____

Please attach a list of medications you will be turning in, and the proper dosage & instructions that should be administered with the medication at the time you turn them in.

If I cannot be contacted, I give my authorization to an official representative of the Madison School District to sign in lieu of me for any medical treatment that he/she feels necessary.

We have our own insurance policy Yes No Name of Company _____

I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and agree to abide by all conditions above.

X _____
Signature of Student

Date

X _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date