

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

It is the position of the Governing Board that sixth grade camp is a worthwhile educational experience for students, and where feasible, encourages schools to participate in this program. In order for principals to determine if it is feasible for their students to attend camp, principals should meet annually with the appropriate parent groups in their school, i.e., PTA and fifth and sixth grade parents. If a parent group is willing to undertake the fund raising and organizational efforts necessary to insure a successful camping experience, the principal should implement the camp program. The district realizes that the conditions, within a particular school that effects its ability to raise funds, differ greatly from school to school. Parent groups at each school must examine their own school's total needs and abilities before committing to supporting sixth grade camp.

Procedure

If a principal determines that sixth grade students will participate in camp, the following guidelines should be followed.

1. A parent group should be formed immediately with an identified parent leader. The purpose of the parent group is to act as communications liaison between fifth and sixth grade parents and the school staff, and to conduct all fund raising activities associated with camp.
2. The criteria used to allocate campership funds must be based on financial need and on parent request, AFCD, free lunch, etc.
3. Camperships should be solicited from such groups as PTA, student council, and business partners.
4. Based on the criteria established, parents whose children qualify for camperships should be contacted by the principal to determine their needs and desires.
5. Camperships should be divided equitably among those students meeting the criteria.
6. At least one fund raiser should be conducted which would allow a student the opportunity to earn his/her full cost of camp.
7. A savings account may be made available to all fifth and sixth grade parents/guardians who wish to make periodic deposits prior to camp attendance.