

# Parent & Student Packet

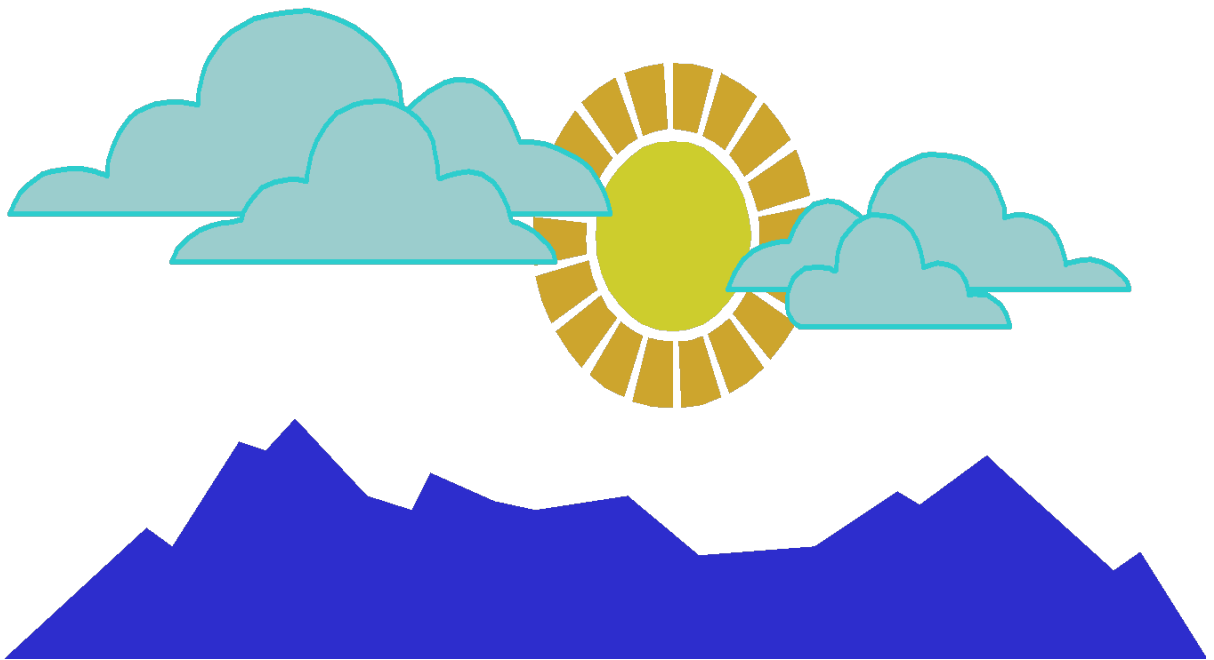
## 6th Grade Conservation Camp

May 21, 22, and 23

At the

Buffalo Peaks Natural Resource  
Education Area

Buena Vista School District R-31





Hey! Read This!

## Dear Parents & Students:

Sixth grade Conservation Camp is right around the corner! With a little good weather and a lot of preparation, it will be the best camp ever! The camp will be held on **May 21, 22 and 23** at the school district's Nature Trail area and Buffalo Peaks Natural Resources Education Area.

Conservation Camp began as a school tradition in 1985. It is designed to be a fun and educational outdoor experience. Students will be engaged in daily activities including orienteering, wildlife studies, fishing, climbing and much, much more! Teachers and natural resource professionals will be providing instruction. High school counselors will work with student groups. There will be a camp nurse, and there is no student cost for the camp.

**Parent involvement will be one key to a successful camp!** The more organized parent help we can get the better. Please review and complete the Permission, Conduct Agreement, Tent Group, and Health Information forms with your child. Turn in this paperwork to the middle school office by **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Also, please visit the [Activity E-Waiver Registration](#) site from NOAH's ARK to register your child for climbing during camp. You should be receiving a link to this site in your email. If you cannot visit this site, there will be paperwork available for your child to pick up at the middle school office so that they can participate in this activity. **There will be a meeting for all parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Performance Flex Commons.**

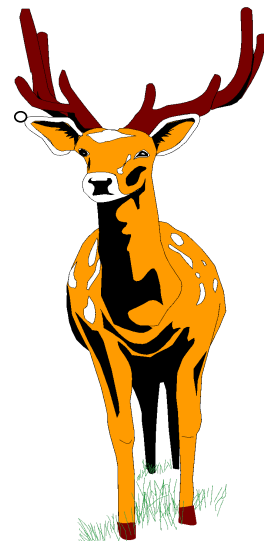
A successful experience also requires well-prepared campers. Students need to have proper equipment and clothing to keep them dry, warm, and safe. Be sure to help your child use the checklist to pack. (New Bees has sweaters and other clothing items at very reasonable prices. The Trailhead has camping equipment for rent, too.)

Please look through this packet *carefully*. We anticipate a great camp! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. Happy Trails!

### Camp Coordinators:

John Emilsson      395-7061(school)  
Jamie Page          395-7141 (school)

Don't forget the Parent Meeting,  
**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**  
**Performance Flex**



## 2024 Camp Schedule (may be adjusted depending on weather)

### Tuesday, May 21st

8:00 am - Regular classes 1st-4th

EARLY LUNCH-11:00 Lunch w/ Counselors and team building

All sessions on day 1 will be on the Nature Trail at the school

11:25 Learning Session I: Water Quality 1 Trout Unlimited

12:00 PM Learning Session II Water Quality 2 Trout Unlimited

12:35 PM Learning Session III: ART Project BVMS Staff

1:10 PM Learning Session IV: How Many Bears? GARNA

1:45 PM Learning Session V: Using a Compass BVMS Staff

2:20 PM Learning Session VI: Skit Rotation BVMS Staff

2:50 PM Learning Session VII : Fire Safety USFS

Done @ 3:20 (6 groups 30 minute sessions w/ 1 break for teachers)

### Wednesday, May 22nd

7:30 am - Pancake Breakfast at the school BV Optimists

Load bus about 8:00 AM!!

8:30 Hike up and set up tents

9:45 Learning Session VI: Leave No Trace BVMS Staff

10:20 Learning Session VII: Bear Graphs BVMS Staff

10:55 Learning Session VIII: Thicket Game CPW

11:30 Learning Session IX: Forrest Density AHRA

12:05 Learning Session X: Hiking Safety Search and Rescue

12:40 Learning Session XI: Ecology Games BVMS Staff

1:15 Lunch and cleanup

1:30 pm - Bus to Lower Meadow

1:45pm - Outdoor Recreation Activities in the lower meadow

(fishing, climbing, shooting: trailer up by the busses, kite flying, and frisbee golf)

4:30 pm - Snack Time

4:45 pm - Return to Upper Meadow

5:00 pm -Hike back to camp and work on skits

5:40 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Skits

7:00 pm - "Find Your Tree"

7:15 pm - Campfire Rotations: Stories and Wildlife skills

9:00 pm - Night Hikes

10:00 pm - Lights Out!

### Thursday, May 23rd

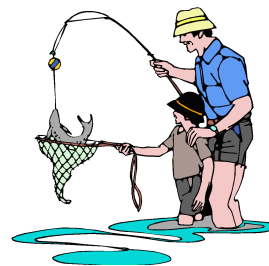
6:45 am - Wake up and Cleanup!

7:00 am - Pack Up

8:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Load buses for civilization

9:30ish am - Arrive at McGinnis Middle School. Time to go home!



## Hey! Bring This Stuff!

Weather at camp is unpredictable! It may be warm and sunny, or it may be snowy and windy! Nights are *cold*. You will not have fun unless you are prepared for all of these weather conditions. Bring these items in a duffle bag, backpack, large sport bag, or suitcase, (please don't use garbage bags) but **remember you will carry your gear one-quarter mile uphill to camp!**

- WARM sleeping bag! (No light-weight bags!)
- ground pad (or thick blanket to put under your sleeping bag)
- waterproof raincoat
- winter coat
- sturdy, comfortable shoes
- day pack (like the one you usually bring to school. It is to keep some things with you during the day)
- warm hat
- gloves
- sweatshirt or sweater
- 3 pairs warm socks
- 2 pairs of long pants (Not shorts !)
- 2 t-shirts (one of them long-sleeve)
- warm pajamas (or long underwear)
- underwear!
- baseball cap
- sunglasses
- non-leaking water bottle (put your name on it)
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- non-breakable bowl, cup, plate, fork and spoon
- small flashlight (Do not bring "mega"-flashlight!)
- sun screen
- large plastic trash bag



Check these  
off as you pack

It can get cold  
at Conservation  
Camp!



You **may** bring these items if you choose:

- camera
- binoculars
- playing cards
- fishing pole (Bring your tackle box with bait! Leave knives at home.)
- tent (please see the tent sign-up sheet)
- kite

You **MAY NOT** bring any of these items:

- cell phone, video games, electronic stuff
- pop and/or candy, chips, etc (bears, you know!)
- knives
- matches, lighters or anything similar
- ANYTHING THAT WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE ALLOWED AT SCHOOL!**



## Buffalo Peaks Natural Resource Education Area

Conservation Camp is held at the Buffalo Peaks Natural Resource Education Area in the Four Mile area northeast of Buena Vista. This parcel of land was generously donated by

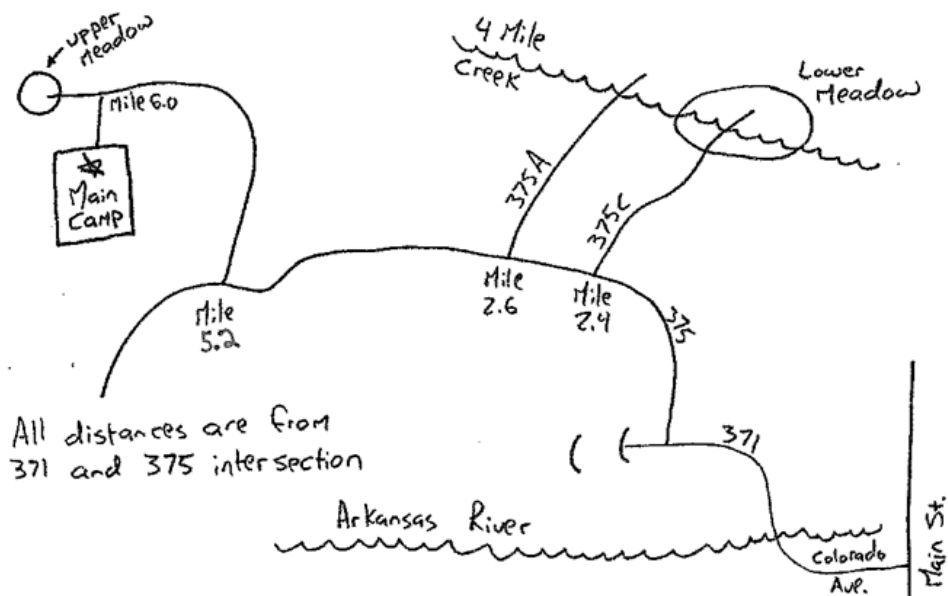
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Hurd of Massachusetts. It is the site of the former Little Annie Mine and is surrounded by national forest property. Students have some camp activities off site on public lands nearby. While students will be camping in tents, two cabins are available if the weather gets truly miserable. No utilities are available.

It is the hope of the school district to continue the development of the site for outdoor educational experiences. If you or an organization you know would like to donate time or money to develop the site, please contact the camp sponsors.

#### DIRECTIONS:

**The Buffalo Peaks Natural Resource Education Area is located:**

Travel north 2.5 miles on Buena Vista's North Colorado Avenue (becomes CR 371) to CR 375. Turn right and travel north and east 5.2 miles to Four Mile Creek Trail. Turn right and follow this road 0.7 miles. Finally, you reach the camp by turning left to travel up a rough road 0.25 miles. Please park in the designated parking area.



Plan on a 30-minute drive and a rough road for the last  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile.

# Camp Rules

**RESPECT:** Respect yourself, others, the camp equipment, and the natural ecosystem.

**INTEGRITY:** Do the right thing, even when others are not looking.

**SAFETY:** Do not endanger yourself or others.

**EXCELLENCE:** Give each opportunity your best effort.

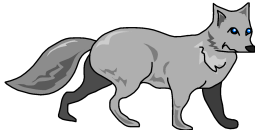
## The Details

Throwing, climbing, hiding, running, wrestling, and other forms of rough horseplay are not allowed (unless they are a part of a camp sponsored game).

Stay with your group or with a buddy.

Stay in designated areas on designated trails.

Immediately report all accidents or emergencies to an adult.



This form is due in the office by  
Friday, **May 10<sup>th</sup>**!

## Required Permission Form

I hereby give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_(name) to attend Conservation Camp being held **May 21, 22, & 23, 2024**. I understand the camp is sponsored by the Buena Vista School District and is held at the Buffalo Peaks Natural Resources Education Area. I also agree to send my child with the listed equipment. I release Buena Vista School District and its employees of any liability concerning an injury or loss of personal property. I understand that camp is over the morning of **May 23rd** and will pick my child up from school then. I will also be available during Conservation Camp should my child need to be picked up for any reason.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## Required Conduct Agreement

This agreement is made between \_\_\_\_\_(name of student) and the adult sponsors of the Conservation Camp.

I understand that Conservation Camp is a part of the school curriculum and that the normal rules of Buena Vista Middle School apply and will be enforced at camp. In addition, I understand that there will be new rules at camp to help create a safe and fun atmosphere for all.

I agree to conduct myself as a good citizen-student at Conservation Camp. I will follow the rules and be courteous and considerate of other students, adults, and camp staff.

I understand that if my behavior becomes unacceptable, I will be sent home for the duration of camp. My parents/guardians will be contacted by telephone (day or night) to pick me up at school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Daytime phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Night time phone)

**This form is due in the Office by May 10<sup>th</sup> !**

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP HEALTH INFORMATION  
**BUENA VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT R-31**

Please complete this form. The information will help us provide the best possible care for your child on the overnight trip and will remain confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT'S NAME**

**Please check all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has **NO** medical condition(s) that will prevent him/her from participating in the planned activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is **NOT** taking any medication(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has the following medical conditions (s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please use the back of this page if you need more space.**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will need to take the following medication(s) for the above named condition(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**→Please Note: Any medications, prescription or over-the-counter, will require a Permission form to be signed by you AND your child's physician.**

**Please obtain the necessary paperwork from the school nurse or at the main office.**

**→Also Note: All medication MUST be in the original store packaging or pharmacy-labeled bottle (obtain a 2<sup>nd</sup> bottle from pharmacist). Only send what your child will need for the trip.**

**Pills in baggies, unlabeled bottles, or not in original packaging will be confiscated and returned to the parent unused.**

**→Medication is dispensed by school nurse/authorized personnel. Do NOT pack medications in your child's bag unless prior approval has been obtained. You may deliver medication to school nurse/school office prior to field trip or on day of departure.**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has the following allergies (medication, food, insects, pollen - seasonal, etc.): (If you are sending medication in case of exposure to the allergen, like Claritin, Benadryl or an Epi-Pen: **Please list the medication above.**) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other information staff should be aware of regarding my child is: (Include information regarding sleep walking, bed wetting, food sensitivities, chronic knee pain-we walk/hike a lot! , or etc.) **Please use the back of this page, if needed.** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I give permission for my child to receive assessment and/or first aid for illness or injury as needed by trained personnel.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**We MUST be able to reach you or your emergency designee 24 HOURS/DAY. Please provide the following info:**

Parent Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Eve/Night Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve/Night Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



## CONSERVATION CAMP TENT GROUPS

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hey 6<sup>th</sup> graders it is almost that time of year when you wander off to spend 2 nights away from your own bed. We hope that you are excited. Conservation Camp is a blast! I know you all are worried about who you will be spending the night with.

### **Tent Group:**

This group is made up of either boys or girls (they are separated on opposite sides of the camp) who are willing to share their tent with other kids and spend two nights together. These groups can be created by the parents and kids. Please fill out the form below to create a night group AND **contact the parents and kids in that group**. If you do not have a tent group or tent please let Ms. Page know ASAP so we can make arrangements for you.

### **Tent Group Rules:**

1. No boys with girls and vice-a-versa
2. Someone in their group needs to **provide a tent**
3. The counselors and teachers have authority to switch things up if the group is not acting appropriately.

### **Tent Group:**

You and your parents need to **contact** the other parents and kids in your night group to make sure your group has a **TENT** that will provide shelter from wind, rain, and snow and that the kids know how to put up. Please write down **everyone** that will be in that tent and who is providing the tent.

**TENT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Others in the tent, make sure we contact all the parents so we are on the same page!**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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