

May 14, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Tuesday, May 25, 2010, we will be going on our annual school picnic to Lake Bemidji State Park. If the weather is inclement, we will relocate the picnic to school grounds.

Our plans are to leave the school by 8:45 A.M. and return by 3:00 P.M. It is expected that all students will arrive at school at the regular time so that we might take attendance, read announcements, and make last minute preparations. Then we will travel by means of school buses to the Dining Hall at the State Park.

Once at the Dining Hall, we will all gather for prayer at the flag pole. Then students will be dispersed according to their activity choices. After lunch, all students will have an opportunity to swim in the lake. **Caution: The water might be on the chilly side.**

Students should plan for their activities and bring the necessary equipment: roller blades, protective gear, water bottle, sunscreen, an appropriate swim suit, towel, and a shirt or covering. No water guns, balloons, floaties, or skateboards are allowed. Students who are rollerblading should practice using their blades before this day to avoid hurtful blisters.

Chaperones and life guards are needed on picnic day. If you are interested in assisting, please respond on the permission form. (Anyone interested in chaperoning must have a valid Safe Environment Certification. Check with the office if you aren't sure.) Chaperones and life guards may ride the bus or drive their own cars. Sign in at the State Park office (identify "St. Philip's") or purchase a State Park sticker. Please park in the lot near the lake rather than by the Dining Hall. Walk up to join us at the dining hall, or wait until we come down by the lake.

Instruct your child to follow all rules set by the school and to stay in designated areas with the chaperones at all times. Children should dress appropriately for the weather and are responsible for taking care of their articles. Names on articles are definitely helpful. **All students and chaperones need a lunch and a beverage.**

Please sign the request and permission form, have your child select the activities he / she would like to do, and return the form to school by Wednesday, May 19th. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Rettinger
Principal

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By signing this form, I, parent / guardian, certify that I request and give permission for my child, _____ in grade _____, to participate in a variety of activities at the school picnic on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at Lake Bemidji State Park.

I have instructed my child to follow all rules and regulations set by St. Philip's School, the Transportation Department of District #31, and Lake Bemidji State Park, as well as to stay in designated areas with chaperones at all times. I release the teachers, principal, chaperones, St. Philip's Parish and School, and all persons involved, from all liability and waive any claims against them.

Signature of parent / guardian	Date	Phone
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Name of Chaperone: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Yes, I will roller blade.	_____ Yes, I am a certified life guard.
_____ Yes, I will help with face painting.	_____ Yes, I can help wherever needed.

I would like to chaperone _____ classroom.

_____ I will ride the bus with the students.	_____ I will drive to the State Park.
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Name of Student: _____ Teacher / Grade: _____

PK – Grade 3: Choose any two activities. Mark them 1 and 2.

_____ scavenger hunt _____ hiking _____ games _____ roller blading

Grade 4 – 8: Choose any two activities. Mark them 1 and 2.

6th, 7th, & 8th graders may choose to do only roller blading or only volleyball for both activities. Put both 1 & 2 on the appropriate lines.

_____ hiking _____ games _____ roller blading _____ volleyball _____ scavenger hunt