



# Camp St. Croix

6th Grade Trip Orientation

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Located just across the St. Croix river in Hudson Wisconsin.





## **Environmental Education and SEL**

The goal of the trip is to help our students build a sense of community among their peers while reinforcing learning about environmental issues. Sample classes include:

- Pond Study
- Orienteering
- Prairie Pathways

**This is an academic field trip!**



## Busses and arrival

- Students will gather in the gym on Monday morning
- They will learn their cabin groups
- We load busses by cabin
- When we arrive at camp, students leave their gear and head to orientation and lunch - pack accordingly
- After lunch they move into cabins



# Cabins

- Students choose four people they would like to be in a cabin with, then we organize cabins so they have at least one of their choices (and often several).
- Most cabins hold 10 students and two chaperones
- Most cabins have an external communal bathroom
- Students need to provide a sleeping bag and pillow
- Students are not allowed in cabins without a chaperone
- There is no way to secure items, so don't bring valuables - including electronics



## Study groups

- Study groups are chosen randomly
- First sessions are usually Team-building
- Study groups have about 14 students, a camp counselor and two chaperones
- Class sessions are class and school rules are followed
- Sessions are primarily outdoors, so dress appropriately
- Students must follow the instructions of adults



## All-School Groups

- Traditionally there have been four all-school groups
- During these sessions students will need to sit with their study groups
- Staff and chaperones should expect to engage directly with their study groups

# Sample schedule

10:00	Arrival	7:00 am	Wake up	7:00 am	Wake up, Pack
10:15	Orientation Move into Cabins	7:45	Table Waiters: Group C	7:45	Table Waiters: Group B
11:00	Meal Spiel/Food Waste Adult Orientation	8:00	Breakfast	8:00	Breakfast
		8:30	Cabin Clean up	8:30	Clean Cabins, Move Gear
		9:00-11:00	<b><u>Study Sessions</u></b> A - Orienteering B – Prairie Pathways C – Pond Study D – River Walk	9:00	Cabin check out
11:45	Table Waiters: Group A			9:30-11:30	<b><u>Study Sessions</u></b> Eco-Games
12:00	Lunch / Recreation	11:00	Lorax	11:45	Table Waiters:
		11:45	Table Waiters: Group D	12:00	Lunch / Recreation
		12:00	Lunch / Recreation		
1:00-3:00	<b><u>Study Sessions</u></b> Initiatives	1:00-3:00	<b><u>Study Sessions</u></b> A – Prairie Pathways B – Pond Study C – River Walk D - Orienteering	1:00	Load Buses Depart
3:00-5:00	<b><u>Study Sessions</u></b> A – River Walk B – Orienteering C – Prairie Pathways D – Pond Study	3:00-5:00	<b><u>Study Sessions</u></b> A – Pond Study B – River Walk C - Orienteering D – Prairie Pathways		Please divide your students into 4 study groups labeled A-D (The number of study groups is dependent upon a 1:12 ratio)
5:00	Recreation Time	5:00	Recreation		
5:15	Table Waiters: Group B	5:15	Table Waiters: Group A		
5:30	Dinner	5:30	Dinner		
6:00-6:45	Recreation Time	6:00-6:45	Recreation Time		<b>There will be a short break time between afternoon classes for staff and students.</b>  Over Night On Call : (Camp St. Croix Staff)
7:00-8:00	<b><u>Evening Program</u></b> Wolves	7:00-8:00	<b><u>Evening Program</u></b> Bats		
Snack:	Provided by us or you	Snack:	Provided by us or you		
9:00	In Cabins	9:00	In Cabins		
10:00	Lights out!	10:00	Lights out!		





## Dining Hall

- The dining hall has a very organized system
- Counselors will review the expectations at camp
- Students sit with their cabin groups
- Students must use a pass to leave the table



# Food

There are many food options and the food is good. Examples:

- Pizza
- Meatloaf
- Breadsticks with marinara sauce
- French toast

A salad and cereal bar is always available. They will accommodate any dietary restriction or preference as long as we know in advance. Please indicate the need somewhere on the permission slips.



## Departure

After lunch on Wednesday there will be time to visit the camp store

If students bring money they should keep it with them or turn it in to a staff member on Monday

Busses will load by cabin

We usually return by 3:00 pm on Wednesday - it is best if students can be picked up then, but if not we provide space for them



# Chaperones

We will need at least 20 parent chaperones. Parent chaperones need:

- background check (takes up to two weeks)
- Volunteer agreement
- Chaperone agreement
- Two chaperones per cabin
- We match chaperones and students
- Two nights preferred, but we can be flexible
- Drive or take the bus
- Expect to supervise students



## Things to remember

No phones or valuables

Use the packing list

Sunscreen? Rain gear?

Special meals or medical issues - let us know as soon as possible