6th Grade Outdoor Ed. Parent Meeting

April 6, 2015

Location: Keystone Science School (KSS) in Keystone, CO

Dates: May 18-20

**Introductions**

* Chaperones
	+ The following teachers/administration will be chaperoning the trip: Cari Dye, Jed Larson, Katie Reeves, Brooke Sargent, Jesse Mavel, Andy Franko/Steve Parker.
	+ We also have 5 parent chaperones: Brian Kurtz Mike McCoy, David Muirhead, Julie Hill, Lisa Johnson, CharLynn Stegman
* Final payment of about $210 due April 27th
	+ Ms. Dye will email final balance by Mid-April

(There will be some last minute adjustments because of fundraising still coming in)

**Rundown of Keystone Science School**

What to bring on the trip: (Please refer to your packet)

* Clothing items should preferably not be cotton
* Students MUST bring a water bottle and something to keep their lunch in.
* Students MUST bring a back pack to keep their daytime materials in.
* If your student does not have snow gear, the science school does have *a few* extra if the need arises.
* Students WILL BE walking all day on dirt trials and will need appropriate shoes.
* NO CELL PHONES!!! Students may bring music devices and cameras but they are responsible for their care.

Safety:

* ALL KSS instructors are wilderness first aid/CPR certified
* The hospital is located locally in summit county and is only a short ride away
* Food – KSS has been informed of all dietary restrictions and allergies and will prepare food accordingly.

Living Accommodations:

* Boys and Girls will be in separate buildings.
* Students will be in dorm style rooms with bunk-beds, 3-4 per room
* Teachers will be in a separate room off of the lobby. They will be close if the need arises.
* One parent chaperone will be in each hallway to monitor the students.
* Students will be sleeping with the doors open.
* Bathrooms and showers are available in the dorms.

Curriculum:

* Fire Ecology
* Mountain Biomes

What does a day look like?

* Students will be placed into mixed gender academic groups of 8-10
* At least one BLRA chaperone and one KSS instructor will be in each group
* After breakfast with their friends, students will gather their materials and head out to the field with their academic groups for the day.
* Students will be responsible for completing a field journal while exploring.
* Lunch will be eaten on the trail
* After groups return from the field they will have about an hour of free time before dinner.
* After dinner with their friends there will be an evening whole group activity.

**Important Due Dates:**

April 27 **–**

Final payment due. Total cost for the trip is $210

May 8 (Friday) –

Completed paperwork (attached)