



YMCA CAMP LAKEWOOD

September 12, 2011

Dear 5th grade parents,

As you know, the 5th graders will be going to Camp Lakewood at the YMCA of the Ozarks this school year. We have tried to make this letter as concise as possible; however, there is a great deal of information that we would like to communicate to parents. Please take a minute to review this very important information.

#1 Where and When?

May 2-4, 2012. Potosi, Missouri approximately 300 miles from Little Rock. 6 hour drive. YMCA of the Ozarks/Camp Lakewood Website is listed below:

<http://www.ymcaoftheozarks.org/camplakewood/oe>

#2 Cost

\$250-\$275 per student (includes Camp Lakewood, all meals, snacks and transportation)

#3 How to Pay for it

a. Kroger cards. Use your Kroger card and 5% of your purchase price will come back to Forest Park PTA and will be directed towards your child's Camp Lakewood expenses. This is an easy way to pay for this trip! Call Laura Reeves at 690-2315 or email her at lerasco@juno.com to get your Kroger card.



b. Fundraisers. Any money that we raise will offset our expense of \$250-\$275 per student. We are trying to have several small fundraisers to raise \$7000. We have set up an account on **VolunteerSpot.com** to orchestrate all of these volunteers. I know that it is not easy to volunteer via a mobile phone with this website but this website helps us streamline this process, remind people of their

dates, and give updates. Here are some fundraisers that we have planned in the next several weeks. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THIS INFORMATION.**

(1) Popsicles. As you know we have sold popsicles the last 3 weeks at school. Thank you to those families for helping us with these sales. We have made approximately \$500 from these sales.

(2) Chick Fil A. This Tuesday, **SEPTEMBER 13TH from 5-8 p.m.** at the Chick-fil-a across the street from the mall. Please come inside the restaurant and mention Forest Park. There will be a game wheel to spin for \$1 and everybody wins a prize!



(3) Pizza as a snack at recess. 5th grade parents will be selling pizza during recess on **Friday, September 23rd** for \$1 per slice. Please help!!! Email Leslie Fisken @ leslifisken@gmail.com to volunteer or just keep your eyes peeled for a VolunteerSpot email from Leslie Fisken.



(4) Lemonade & Cookies. We will be selling these items after school in late September and early October. We will be sending out an email via VolunteerSpot with details. We hope to have the 5th grade students help us with these sales.



(5) Raffle. We are talking about having a raffle in October with donated items. Very similar to Amy Maxson's awesome Spring Time Raffle.

(6) Spirited Art Studio. New art studio will host two separate functions for us- a student class and then adult class with cocktails in which a portion of proceeds will be donated back to Forest Park/Camp Lakewood trip. This new studio is located in the Heights next door to Burge's. Check out their website <http://myspiritedart.com/locations/little-rock-ar/>. Dates TBA.



c. Sponsorships. Another way to raise money is by sponsoring different parts of the trip. Sponsorships will be available for the following items. First come, first serve. You can email Leslie Fisken with sponsorship claims and then send your check via the safe in the office. All sponsorships will be mentioned with cheesy advertising to thank these generous families, for example, “Natalie Fisken’s Fabulous Funyuns” if she sponsored snacks! Please make a note on the check that the money is for Camp Lakewood/5th Grade.

Sponsorship of the following items	Quantity Available	Cost
Naming Rights to “Boy Bus”	1	\$200
Naming Rights to “Girl Bus”	1	\$200
Sponsor Movies for “Boy Bus” for the trip	1	\$150
Sponsor Movies for “Girl Bus” for the trip	1	\$150
Music Playlist for the “Boy Bus”	2	\$75
Music Playlist for the “Girl Bus”	2	\$75
Snacks for the “Boy Bus”	2	\$50
Snacks for the “Girl Bus”	2	\$50
Bottled Water for “Boy Bus”	2	\$40
Bottled Water for the “Girl Bus”	2	\$40

#4 Chaperones & Accommodations

We will need 8 chaperones to stay in the cabins with the kids at the cost of \$90 in total including meals. We will have hotel rooms for 12 additional parents (sharing a hotel room on YMCA property at trout lodge hotel) with the approximate cost of \$150 in total including meals. We can reserve other cabin like accommodations if more parents want to attend.

- a. Chaperones Signed up As of Today.** Brian Ball, Tracy Sugg, Angie Suffridge and Jennifer Ronnel have expressed interest in chaperoning.

The Camp Lakewood committee parents, Katherine Allen, Allison Hatfield & Leslie Fisken will be in attendance +/- or their spouse. If you would like to chaperone or come on the trip, please email Leslie Fisken at lesliefisken@gmail.com

#5 Ideas, Volunteer, or Complain

We welcome ideas and volunteers. Please let us know your thoughts even if you want to criticize! This trip is going to take everyone's help, input and energy.

Thanks for your time. We are looking forward to a well-deserved trip for these 5th graders.

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