Camp Carter: Questions and Answers

When are the 5th graders going to Camp Carter? We will be attending Camp Carter December 13th (Thursday) through December 14th (Friday). This is a two day, one night experience of a variety of activities. These activities include a hike through Tucker Trail, a Geology lesson, a Scavenger hunt, Orienteering, Squirrelympics, Low-ropes challenge course, High ropes challenge course, and much more. Each of these activities will reinforce team work, character building and science concepts learned this year.

Why are the students going to Camp Carter?
The students are going to Camp Carter to experience a once in a lifetime science camp. What better way to learn about science than through personal experience. Our goals for the students are the following:

1. Promote social growth and develop a sense of community among students and teachers.
2. Introduce students to a variety of habitats.
3. Apply formal learning to real-world situations.
4. Enhance relationships and develop team-building skills.
5. Promote personal growth and help students develop a sense of independence and responsibility.
6. Enhance the science program to increase science knowledge.

What is the cost?
The cost per student is $90. The cost per chaperone is $23. You can pay the total all at once or in increments.

Nov. 16th (Final payment for the cost of student/chaperone is due.)

CASH ONLY. No checks, please.

Where is Camp Carter?
Camp Carter is located at 6200 Sand Springs Road, Fort Worth, 76114. The phone number at Camp Carter is (817)738-9241.

Can I come on the trip with my child?
Yes. We need chaperones for the trip. If you are interested in chaperoning, please fill out the background check form as soon as possible so there is enough time for it to clear before the trip. These can be found in the front office. The number of chaperones we can take will be based on the amount of space we have at camp. Parents who plan on chaperoning the fieldtrip should confirm with the office that your background check has been completed and approved.

Do I need to send money with my child?
The camp tuition of $90.00 covers all cost of the trip; lodging, meals, and classes/activities. No additional money is needed; however, there is a camp store where students can purchase snacks, drinks, and memorabilia. *Students are responsible for all personal items.*
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What time are you leaving and returning home from camp Carter?
We will leave from Willow Creek Elementary at 9:00am on Thursday (Dec. 13th) morning. Your child will need to be at school at the designated time indicated for their homeroom class (Mrs. Brown’s & Mrs. Richeson’s class arrive in back of school between 7:30-7:45 am; Mr. Barrientes’s & Mrs. McNeely’s class arrive between 7:45-8:00; Mrs. Burke’s class arrive between 8:00-8:15 am) to attend Camp Carter. Please drop off your child at the back of the school under the awning (in the bus zone). Students will be given their cabin & class assignments that morning and check in with their chaperone and sit with their camp gear in their assigned group. We will return to Willow Creek Elementary at 3:00pm on Friday, December 14th. Your child will need to be picked up at the back of the school (in the bus zone) by 3:00pm on Friday.

Will there be a nurse at Camp Carter?
We will have a nurse travel with us and service our students with necessary medications, provided by parents, while we are at Camp Carter. Please specify on the attached form if your child receives medication. Our Camp Nurse will collect the medication your child will need from you the morning of December 13th.

We will be engaged in several outdoor activities. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Students should wear tennis shoes or hiking boots, whichever is more comfortable for walking since we will be traveling by foot most places. **ALL students should bring a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day.** A list of approved items to bring is attached to this letter. Please remember all students will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves.

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- Sack lunch for the first day we are at Camp Carter. All other meals will be provided.
- Duffle bag or carry-on size suitcase with previous listed items
- *Camera
- Water bottle
- *Money for camp store
- Book to read on bus
- Sun block / Hat

What NOT to Bring:
- Radio
- Jewelry
- Electronic devices (including cell phones, games, i-pods, cd players)
- Gum

Please pack items in a duffle bag or carry-on size suitcase. No large bags please. Please make sure your child’s first and last name is on the duffle bag/camp gear.

Chaperones will have to drive their own vehicle or carpool together. Chaperones may follow the bus or meet us at Camp Carter. All students must ride the bus.

If you have any questions, please contact your homeroom teacher

Sincerely,
The Fifth Grade Team

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REMINDER: Don’t Miss the Bus!!!

The Bus will LEAVE Thursday (Dec. 13th) by 9:00 am, ALL students must be at school by their designated time to avoid missing the bus.

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