Countdown to Camp Mason

Important Dates

- **1/22/2019**- Initial Parent Meeting, 6:30pm WDMS Cafeteria
- **3/22/2019**- Deadline to return form to enter chaperone lottery
- **3/25/2019**- Chaperone lottery takes place
- **4/5/2019**- Selected Chaperones will be notified via School Messenger
- **4/19/2019**- Selected Chaperone “Notification of Intent” form due to main office
- **6/14/2019**- Student permission/notice of intent slip due to main office
- **6/28/2019**- Chaperone Criminal History Review process must be complete
- **9/2019**- All Chaperones must attend meeting with Mrs. Trampé (dates TBD)
- **9/3-9/6/2019**- First Week of School 2019-students learn about the “Camp Buddy Selection Process”; Camp Buddy Cards are distributed to students
- **9/3-9/6/2019**- 6th grade vaccination documentation must be submitted to the nurse’s office
- **9/10/2018**- Camp Buddy Cards are competed and returned to 6th grade LAL teachers
- **9/20/2019**- T-shirt sponsorship forms must be submitted to main office
- **9/27/2019**- All payments due in full ($185) for Chaperones and students
- **9/27/2019**- YMCA waiver form due to main office for all students attend Camp Mason
- **9/27/2019**- All medications and forms must be submitted to the nurse’s office
- **10/4/2018**- Students will receive bus assignments
- **10/7-10/9/2019**- Camp Mason Trip
ACTIVITIES

Students are placed in groups and move through a rotation of the course of their camping trip in an effort to provide them an opportunity to try all 16 of these wonderful experiences:

- Archery
- Geocaching
- Outdoor Games: Volleyball, Gaga, Basketball, Hockey
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Zip Line or Giant Swing
- Boating
- Pond Ecology
- Wilderness Survival
- Hiking
- Banana Boats and Apple Cidering
- ASE (low ropes course)
- Night Hike
- Campfire
- Dutch Auction
- Wetlands Explorations
- Yellow Trail Hike

(*Note: Activities are only cancelled if YMCA deems dangerous due to weather. Indoor replacement activities are provided if necessary.*)
YMCA Camp Mason Outdoor Center Sample Menu

**Breakfast**
Assorted cold cereals, milk, fruit, yogurt, oatmeal or cream of wheat

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**Lunch**
Salad bar, soy butter & jelly station, soup. Vegetarian options available

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<td>Tater Tots</td>
<td>French Fries</td>
<td>Mac n Cheese</td>
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<td>Tomato &amp; Cucumber Salad</td>
<td>Carrots &amp; Celery Sticks</td>
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**Dinner**
Salad bar, soy butter & jelly station. Vegetarian options available

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<td>Mashed Potatoes</td>
<td>Meatballs</td>
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<td>Corn</td>
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*Salad bar contains lettuce, tomato, cucumbers, hard boiled eggs, assorted fresh vegetables, assorted dressings, tuna salad plus specialty salads.

**In the event your child needs dietary restrictions (ie: gluten free, lactose free) you may send them with food that will be stored in the kitchen

***Please inform Mrs. Trampé or Mrs. Lee, WDMS Nurse of any dietary needs as soon as possible. This will allow for the staff at Camp Mason to make the appropriate accommodations.

1/23/2019
YMCA Camp Mason
What to Bring List

Bedding
- Sleeping bag or sheets and blankets (cabins are heated)
- Pillow and pillow case

Clothing
We suggest students bring old, but clean and comfortable weather appropriate clothing. New clothing may look old when students return home. All items should be labeled with the student’s name.
- One or two pair of PJs
- 2 pairs of comfortable shoes
- Waterproof shoes that can get muddy
- Flip flops for showers/and or slippers
- Daily changes of socks and underwear
- Heavy and light shirts
- Warm fleece, jacket or sweater
- Raincoat or poncho (no umbrellas)
- Hat (for cold or hot weather)
- 2-3 pairs of comfortable pants (no skirts or dresses)
- Gloves and a scarf in cold weather

Toiletries
- 2-4 bath towels
- Soap and shampoo
- Washcloth
- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Tissues and hand wipes
- Personal hygiene items

Other items/optional
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Disposable camera
- Bug repellent (no aerosol cans)
- Water bottle(reusable)
- Pens/pencils/paper
- Plastic trash bag(for dirty laundry)
- Book/magazine/playing cards
- Cabin leaders should bring an alarm clock
- Drawstring bag

Please do not bring
- Axes, saws, knives
- Matches
- Firearms or archery equipment
- Chewing gum, candy, food items
- Electronic games
- Ipods
- Jewelry or other valuables
- Precious, irreplaceable keepsakes

Cell Phones- it is at the discretion of the parent/guardian to allow students to bring a cell phone. All cell phones MUST remain in the cabins at all times. WDMS or Camp Mason will not be responsible for lost or damaged cell phones.
January 2019

Dear Local Business Owner,

As a friend of West Deptford Middle School and a respected member of our community, we are reaching out for your help. WDMS’s YMCA Camp Mason camping trip has long been a treasured part of our students’ memories of their time at the middle school. However, due to the challenging economy, it is becoming increasingly difficult to make this trip happen each year, and have it remain accessible to each student.

That’s why we need your help.

We are looking for sponsors, both corporate and private, to aid us in off-setting the cost of the trip.

For the past 8 years, West Deptford students have been traveling to Camp Mason in Hardwick, New Jersey for a 3-day Outdoor Adventure. This excursion includes wilderness hikes, environmental education, cross-curricular activities, and an unforgettable team bonding experience for many years to come.

This year, we are looking to offset costs by advertising local businesses. Businesses can donate one of two ways:

- For a donation of $250 your company name and logo will be displayed on the back of our Camp Mason t-shirt
- For a donation of $100 your company name will be listed on the back of our Camp Mason t-shirt

In order to contribute, please complete and return the attached form along with your payment by Friday, September 13, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact me at West Deptford Middle School, (856) 848-1200 X 2626, or ctrampe@wdeptford.k12.nj.us.

Thank you again for any assistance you may be able to offer, our students truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Christine R. Trampé
Principal
West Deptford Middle School
Camp Mason Sponsorship Form

Business Name: ________________________________
(Please print name as it should appear on T-shirt)
Business Address: ________________________________
Business Phone: ________________________________
Contact Person: ________________________________

We wish to make the following donation to West Deptford Middle School for their Camp Mason trip:

_____ $100.00 for Business Name only

_____ $250.00 for Business Name and Logo*

*Please include a business card and/or letterhead with your business name and logo as it should appear on the Camp T-shirt.

Return this completed form along with your check made payable to WDMS-Camp Mason by 9/13/2019. You will receive a letter from the West Deptford Middle School confirming receipt of your donation.

Thank You!
Dear Future Sixth Grade Parents and Students:

As many of you know, the Camp Mason camping trip is an annual tradition for our 6th grade. The trip is designed to develop strong working relationships among students, parents, and teachers through participation in educationally sound, yet thoroughly enjoyable activities. These activities range from exploring the environment, boating, low and high ropes courses, campfires, rock wall climbing, pond ecology, archery, games, and more. They will create memories that will last a lifetime.

Due to budget constraints, field trips are no longer funded by the district. We feel that this trip is a vital part of our program and would like to have it continue. We are attempting to offset the cost of the trip through donations. The maximum individual cost per child is $185 which encompasses all meals, transportation, t-shirt, extra activities, and evening snacks.

As we prepare your child’s trip to Camp Mason next fall, we are excited to share information regarding the annual sixth grade trip to Camp Mason:

- Camp Mason will be **Monday, October 7th – Wednesday, October 9th, 2019**
- The **entire sixth grade** will go to Camp Mason together (not one team at a time)
- Rather than inconveniencing you with a deposit and large payments at the end and beginning of the school year, we are running a **monthly payment plan** ($25 per month for 6 months, January through June and $35 in Sept)
- Payments **must be made by check** payable to West Deptford Middle School (No cash please)

As always, we are in need of parent chaperones for the trip. Please understand due to limited capacity, **there can only be 2 parents per cabin**. Therefore, we will run a lottery on March 25, 2019 to select the parent chaperones from those that have volunteered. Due to the cost of the trip, chaperones have to pay the $185.00 fee. If interested in attending the trip as a chaperone, please complete the bottom of this form and return to the principal’s office by March 22, 2019. If you are not chosen and have made payments prior to the lottery drawing, you will receive a full refund. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this unique and wonderful educational experience that your child will remember forever.

Sincerely,

Christine R. Trampe

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Please return to your homeroom teacher by March 22, 2019

Student Name: ________________________________

Parent Name: ________________________________ Parent Signature: ________________________________

(Please check) My child ___ WILL ____ WILL NOT attend the overnight Camp Mason trip on October 7-9, 2019

_______ YES, I am interested in chaperoning the 2019 overnight trip to Camp Mason.

(I understand that if I am not chosen as a chaperone, I will receive a full refund. If I am chosen, I understand I must attend an informational parent meeting, complete and pass a Criminal History Review, and ride the bus with the students to and from Camp Mason.)

Please provide any pertinent information regarding your child (ie: medical concerns; food allergies; anxiety, etc.)