



Fieldstone Pioneer Camp Trip

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited to invite the Grade Seven Class this year to our annual Pioneer Camp. The dates for the camp are September 18th – September 20th. The purpose of the camp is to learn about the great outdoors, unite as a class group and school community, and have loads of fun!

Students will be sleeping in cabins (divided by gender and grade level). During the day, students will be participating in a wide range of activities including survival games, wilderness exploration, canoeing, etc.

Students will be supervised by camp counselors and by Fieldstone teachers. Payphones are available so that students may contact their families if needed. Cellular reception in the area is unreliable, and students are asked to limit cell phone use to benefit most fully from their experience in the wilderness.

The cost per student is \$200. If you wish your child to go on the trip, please sign and return the form at the end of this letter no later than **September 10, 2024**.

Getting to Camp

Below are a few key points that we would like parents and students to keep in mind when considering the journey to camp:

- Students will be travelling by school bus.
- On Wednesday, September 18th, they are to arrive at school by 8:30 and attend their morning classes (period 1 and part of period 2).
- Students will depart Fieldstone by 11:00 a.m.
- We will be stopping off at McDonald's, in Barrie, en route to Ontario Pioneer Camp. Students may purchase a lunch or bring a lunch and enjoy it in the picnicking area.
- We will arrive at Ontario Pioneer Camp around 2:00 p.m.
- We highly recommend this experience as the experience fosters emotional intelligence, self-confidence, independence, healthy living, environmental awareness, learning and leadership. Students form lifetime relationships with their friends and teachers.

Pioneer Camp- FAQs.

Where is Ontario Pioneer Camp located?

Ontario Pioneer Camp is located approximately 2 hours north of Toronto, in Port Sydney, ON. We are located halfway between Bracebridge and Huntsville. There is a map with more detailed directions available at www.pioneercamp.ca.

What will my child be doing at Pioneer?

Your child and his/her classmates will be participating in a variety of outdoor education activities and programmes. These may include Challenge Course, Forestry Impact, Guided Hike, Initiative Games, Mountain Biking, Orienteering, Wetland Discovery, and Wilderness Survival.

What kind of accommodations does the camp have?

We will be using four separate sites: The Lodge, Chippewa, Lakeview, and Meadowlands. Your child will be staying in a room with 3-5 of his/her classmates. All of the lodgings are fully insulated, carpeted, have their own thermostats, and washroom facilities. Yes, there is running water! The water is tested daily and is safe to drink.

What kind of supervision is there?

While at OPC, students participate in daily activities in groups of approximately 10-15 students. Each group is led by one of the camp's qualified Outdoor Education Instructors, and a teacher acting as a supervisor.

What about meals?

The kitchen serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. They have their own bakery and make their own bread. Ontario Pioneer Camp is a peanut-aware camp, and as such, does not serve foods containing peanuts or other nuts. They ask that guests do not bring any foods containing nuts with them as well. Evening snacks are provided.

How can I contact my child?

Payphones are available in the building your child will be staying in. Understand that the students will be outside most of the time participating in activities. The camp generally asks for students to not bring cell phones with them as they may get lost or misplaced, and cellular reception is unreliable in the area.

Packing for Camp

What to Bring

- Bedding: sleeping bag; (or sheets and a blanket), pillow, and pillowcase
- 2 towels and wash cloth
- Toiletries (toothbrush and paste, comb, shampoo etc.)
- 2-3 pairs of long pants (1 pair of jeans, 2-3 pairs of loose pants hiking pants/ synthetic fabric)
- 3-4 t-shirts (one long sleeved shirt, 2-3 cotton t-shirts)
- 1-2 sweatshirts/ fleece
- Rain wear (coat and pants if possible)
- 1-2 pairs pajamas
- 1-2 pairs of shorts
- 2 pairs of socks per day (1-2 pairs of cotton, 3-6 pairs of synthetic socks)
- 1 pair of shoes (athletic) / 1 pair sturdy shoes or hiking boots
- Cell phone with chargers for flashlight
- Insect repellent / Sun block
- Rimmed hat
- Water bottle
- Spending money (30 - 50 dollars should be enough)

What Not to Bring

- Any foods containing nuts.
- Chewing gum
- Pets/animals
- Knives, weapons
- Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes

** Please note, as space on the buses is limited, it is necessary that students try to pack in a space-efficient manner.

Behaviour Expectations:

Supervision will be provided in accordance with Fieldstone guidelines and students are subject to the same expectations for behaviour as outlined in the school's Code of Conduct. If a student fails to adhere to the Code of Conduct or to the Camp's own rules and policies, parents will be contacted immediately, and the student will either be sent home or face significant consequences (e.g. suspension) on his/her return to Fieldstone.

Final Words...

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the following teachers:

Ms. Mao (lmao@fieldstonekcschool.org)

Mr. Makubuya (kmakubuya@fieldstonekcschool.org)

Telephone: 416 487 7381 (School – Front Desk)

If you would like to learn more about the camp, feel free to browse their website: <http://www.pioneercamp.ca/> or you may contact the camp at: 1.800.361. CAMP (2267)

We are certain that, like in previous years, this year's trip will be a great success. Our departure date is approaching quickly so we ask that all forms be signed and submitted to your child's homeroom teacher or to the Office by **September 10, 2024 at the latest.**

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HEALTH & CONSENT FORM

HEALTH

Name of Participant: _____ Age/Sex: _____ / _____

Address: _____ Birth Date: _____

Health Card Number/Insurance Number: _____

Emergency Contact:

Day Name: _____ Phone: _____

Night Name: _____ Phone: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Do any of the following apply to this participant: (check box for yes)

Allergies:

Conditions:

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| Insect | <input type="checkbox"/> | Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recent Illness/Operation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drug | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rash | <input type="checkbox"/> | Contact Lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Plant Allergy | <input type="checkbox"/> | Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> | Epilepsy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Food allergy | <input type="checkbox"/> | Heart condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (describe below) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

* Note: During the “bee seasons”, students allergic to bee/wasp stings must have and know how to use a doctor-prescribed Bee Sting Kit.

Describe details of above:

Describe any other food restrictions (i.e., religious, vegetarian, etc.):

Will this participant be on medication while on the trip: (if yes, please describe):

In the event that the above-named participant needs non-prescribed medication (such as Tylenol, allergy medication), do you give consent to Fieldstone Staff group leaders to administer such medication?

yes

no

Signature of Parent/guardian: _____ Date _____

CONSENT/WAIVER

Camp activities outdoors come with inherent risks, which are beyond the control of Fieldstone King's College School or its representatives. As such, participants must assume the risks and dangers of their actions. Teachers from Fieldstone King's College School will supervise this trip, and these teachers will exercise reasonable caution in all circumstances. Every possible precaution will be exercised by accompanying staff, and students will be prepared for all activities. However, despite these precautions, accidents can occur. As a result, the supervising teachers and Fieldstone King's College School cannot be held liable for any of the above-mentioned risks.

I, the parent/guardian of the above participant acknowledge the waiver and give consent for him/her to participate in all scheduled activities at **Ontario Pioneer Camp** from **September 18 – 20, 2024**.

If I cannot be reached, an alternative adult whom I have asked to be on call and who is willing to be temporarily responsible for my son/daughter is:

Name: _____ Phone (day): _____

Address: _____ Phone (evening): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian*: _____

Date: _____