

2017 OBSA to Wolf Ridge in Finland, MN Information for Students & Families

Monday, May 22 to Friday, May 26

Students should bring their luggage to school on Monday morning. We will be traveling the 3 hours 45 minutes to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center on a chartered coach bus. We return on Friday afternoon between 3 and 4 PM. Families need to pick up their student from OWL on Friday afternoon upon our return. **Please write a phone number where you can be reached Friday afternoon on the back of this page and return a copy to school.**

Teacher Coordinator: please contact me with questions!!!

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Trip Chaperones

Brie-Anna Medin, OWL Art Teacher, Outdoor Enthusiast, 651-283-9249

Edric Lynse, OWL Special Education Staff, Outward Bound Instructor

Contact Information

We will be at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. The phone there is for EMERGENCIES ONLY. Please **DO NOT ASK YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON TO CALL YOU FROM THERE ANYTIME DURING OUR TRIP**. No news is good news. If you need to reach your child for emergency purposes, you may call Brie's cell phone at 651-283-9249. The OWL school office may have additional means of contacting us, and the school office phone is 651-293-8670. Wolf Ridge has a no-electronics policy, so we will be collecting students' cell phones when we arrive and holding them until we depart.

What to Pack

Money (optional): We will have all of our meals provided during our stay. We will have the opportunity to visit the Wolf Ridge store. If students would like to buy a souvenir, they should bring some money. We will not be stopping for lunch during the bus rides, so there is no need for money for restaurants.

Clothes. LAYERS are great (a light t-shirt, a light long-sleeved shirt to go over it, and a sweatshirt or fleece is a good combination). We will be working outside, so bring clothes that you can get dirty. Bring at least two of everything (pants, shirt, socks, underwear) in case something gets wet. Sturdy, waterproof shoes are a big help. Bring a swimming suit just in case we have a chance to swim (we will only go swimming if we have lifeguard supervision). Wolf Ridge will provide food, beds, bathrooms, rain gear if needed, and other outdoor equipment. See the Wolf Ridge packing list below for an exhaustive packing list, but please do not feel obligated to purchase equipment.

Packing List (from Wolf Ridge Staff):

Participants are responsible for bringing personal items and clothing that are appropriate for the season. We will be sleeping in tents and outside most of the time during our stay. Remember there is no such thing as lousy weather, only lousy clothing! Climate wise, we are typically 4 weeks different than the Twin Cities. Fall comes earlier and spring comes later.

Clothing:

Changes of under clothing
Changes of outer clothing
Sweater/fleece/sweatshirt
Several pairs of socks
Pajamas

Personal Gear:

Sleeping bag and pillow
Towel and washcloth
Soap, shampoo, etc.
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Medications
Water bottle

Optional Personal Gear:

Tent (if you have one we can use---tell Brie)
Backpack
Hat with brim
Sunglasses
Flashlight
Camera
Store money
Swimsuit
Insect repellent
Alarm Clock
Inside shoes
Writing materials

Year round:

Hat and gloves
Warm jacket
Sturdy Tennis/ Hiking shoes
Second pair of shoes
Girls need to bring an ample supply feminine hygiene items.

Fall/Spring:

Waterproof rain jacket and pants
Waterproof boots for mud or rain

Do NOT bring:

Electronics, ipods, MP3 players,
Cell phones
Hair dryers,
Curling irons
Chewing Gum
Alcohol/drugs/weapons
Non-recyclable items

Luggage:

Try to pack just one bag, plus a smaller daypack – make sure that you can carry all of your own luggage yourself. A medium, soft-sided duffel bag or backpack is best. Hard-sided suitcases are **not** the best. Don't pack your stuff in a plastic bag!

Camp Rules:

PLEASE DO NOT BRING electrical or battery-operated things like hair dryers, curling irons, iPods, etc. Cell phones are fine for travel, but will be collected while at Wolf Ridge. **Of course tobacco, marijuana, alcohol or other drugs are not allowed.** *** If students bring tobacco, alcohol, or drugs of any kind, **they will be sent home at parents' expense.*****

Sleeping Arrangements

Wolf Ridge will provide sleeping accommodations with girls and boys in different locations. Students should be advised that failure to respect these sleeping arrangements, or engage in amorous conduct while on the trip, **will result in a request for parents to arrange for students' immediate transportation home.**

RETURN THIS PORTION TO TIM

Parent/Guardian Agreement: We have read the above information and understand that we are responsible for transportation from OWL at the stated times.

Parent/Guardian(s) : _____

Email(s): _____

Phone # where you can be reached FRIDAY, MAY 26 _____

Student(s): _____