



MENNO SIMONS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Menno Families

MSCS is pleased to offer an **Outdoor Education Club** for the Jr. High students. This is an *optional* extra-curricular program that is not included in the current school fees. The Outdoor Education Club is an opportunity for students to gather together to have fun, build community and learn new skills. The Outdoor Education Club is led by MSCS teachers in conjunction with community leaders. These are the proposed activities for the 2016- 2017 school year.

- Fall Canoeing and Camping Trip
 - September 24th & 25th, 2016
 - Canoe down the beautiful Bow River with an overnight stop at Ghost Lake.
 - Priority for this trip is given to the Grade 9 Class.
 - Cost: \$80
 - Max. # Students: 17

- Winter Camping
 - March 11th – 12th, 2017
 - A weekend of winter camping in Rampart Creek just outside of Columbia Icefields.
 - Cost: TBA
 - Max. # Students: 28

- Whitewater Rafting
 - June 3rd, 2017
 - Experience whitewater rafting down the Kananaskis River.
 - Cost: TBA
 - Max. # Students: 27

Students may choose any or all of these activities. Permission forms with full details will be provided before each event. In order to secure dates, bookings and sign contracts we require commitment and a full payment in advance. ***At this time, we are only booking for the "Fall Canoeing and Camping Trip".*** Please have your child/children turn in their permission form and payment to Mr. Colgan.

It will be the responsibility of parents to arrange transportation to events if transportation is not provided. A list of participants will be provided for parents to arrange transportation for their child/children.

Some of the events have a maximum number of allowable participants; spots will be filled on a first form received basis (with the exception of the Fall Camping Canoe Trip – Grade 9's have priority).

We look forward to a year of fun adventures!

Sincerely,

Steve Colgan
Athletic Director and Science Teacher
Menno Simons Christian School



PALLISER REGIONAL SCHOOLS Informed Consent/Permission Form for Minor Tours



DETAILS OF TOUR

Nature of Tour: **Outdoor Education Club**

Date: **Canoe and Camping Trip (Sept 24th & 25th)**

Destinations: **Ghost Lake**

Supervisor(s): **Steve Colgan & Deanne Carey**

Transportation Arrangements: **Parents are responsible for providing transportation for their children to Ghost Lake Marina**

Cost to Student: **\$80**

Contact Person: Mr. Colgan Phone: (School) 403-531-0745

ELEMENTS OF RISK

Educational activity programs such as **Canoeing and Camping** involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in these activities. The following list includes, but is not limited to, examples of the types of injuries which may result from participating in these activities.

<u>Type of injury</u>	<u>Precaution taken</u>
1. Sprains/Strains	- Proper warm up and stretching
2. Vehicular accident	- Parents choosing experienced drivers who drive in a safe manner
3. Dehydration	- Participants bring along extra supply of drinks
4. Contusions	- Use of proper etiquette
5. Drowning	- Use of Personal Floatation Devices, canoe instruction given beforehand, experienced guides
6. Hypothermia	- Students wear appropriate clothing and have extra clothes to change into
7. Sunburn	- Appropriate use of sunscreen

The risk of sustaining these types of injuries result from the nature of the activity and can occur without fault of either the student or the School Board, its employees/agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. By choosing to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your/your child may be injured.

The chance of an injury occurring can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times while engaged in the activity.

If you choose to participate in the **Canoe and Camping Trip on September 24th & 25th, 2016**, you must understand that you bear the responsibility for any injury that may occur.

The Board of Trustees of Palliser Regional School Division No. 26 does not provide accidental death, disability or dismemberment or medical expense insurance on behalf of the students participating in this activity.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We have read the above. We understand that by participating in the activity described above, we are assuming the risks associated with doing so.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

PERMISSION

I give _____ permission to participate in the **Canoe and Camping Trip on September 24th & 25th, 2016** and for my son or daughter to ride in the vehicle of families assisting in this activity on the previously mentioned dates.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Checklist:

I have signed in both spots on the form and included my child's name

I understand that I am responsible for making arrangements for my child's transportation for this event

I have included \$80 in cash or a cheque made out to "Menno Simons Christian School"