Camping Trip: Oct. 22–Oct. 24

The annual Level 3 camping trip to Ginnie Springs is now a week and a half away; our pre-camping planning is coming together nicely.

**Cost:** $100 per student (Please note, your child’s school account must be up to date for him/her to participate in an overnight school trip; see the office with any questions.)

**Departing:** Tuesday, October 22 (as close to 9 AM as possible)

**Returning:** Thursday, October 24, at approximately 5 PM

**Online Waiver**

We need each participant to sign the online waiver at the Ginnie Springs website:
ALL students and chaperones must fill one out before we go.


**Packing List**
- camping pad (Important! Keeps a person from getting cold and stiff while sleeping)
- sleeping bag
- small pillow
- towel, washcloth
- soap and shampoo
- brush/comb
- flashlight and **extra batteries**
- water bottle
MESS KIT: bowl, cup, spoon, fork, cloth napkin
sunglasses
hat
sunscreen
bug spray **important
medicine (if necessary…give to teacher)
T-shirts or other comfortable casual shirts
long sleeved shirt
shorts
long pants (at least one pair)
rain jacket or poncho
light jacket or overshirt
swimsuit
socks (two pairs, minimum)
sneakers
water sandals
underwear
empty trash bag (to bring home wet items)

OPTIONAL ITEMS:
Money for store (yes, there IS a charming not-so-little store in the office and entry area, full of snacks and souvenirs and sweatshirts/hoodies)
Drawing and art supplies, personal journal, a book to read
Ball, frisbee, playing cards, camera, traveling chess set, camping chair
The weather for High Springs, Florida (our closest town) is currently showing highs in the 80s, lows in the low 60s, with a 30% chance of rain. But we all know how tentative forecasts in Florida are. We’ll keep an eye on it.

NOTE ABOUT THE MESS KIT:
In the interest of sustainability, we ask each camper to bring their own mess kit: a plate, a bowl, a cup (for hot chocolate or tea), a spoon and fork, and a cloth napkin. This has been a long-standing policy of Level 3. Putting all of the mess kit items in a bag is helpful for students. Students should also label items. WE STRONGLY DISCOURAGE CAMPERS FROM BRINGING PAPER PLATES AND NAPKINS, AS WELL AS PLASTICWARE. (We always pack a few spare items)

What If It Rains?
It will clearly be a different sort of camping trip if it rains, but not necessarily a bad one! Over the 19 years we’ve been going to Ginnie Springs, we’ve certainly had a few rainy trips, and we’ve still had lots of fun. We once even had a fashion show!

**Academics**
This is the official final week of Cycle 1. Next week (a four-day week) will be reserved for project presentations, testing (and re-testing), in-class writing assessments, and late work wrap-up. Students have been working on both group and individual history projects, as well as finishing their thematic literature novels. The final literature response is due today.

The Social World (social studies) test for Cycle 1 will be given Monday, October 21. This date is non-negotiable for 8th grade. Students will receive study notes today.

The 7th and 8th grade weekly work assignments can always be viewed at [http://level3678.com/7th-and-8th-grades/weekly-work/](http://level3678.com/7th-and-8th-grades/weekly-work/). Students and parents can view individual work status on Thinkwave.

**Thank you to…**
*All of the Level 3 Families who helping our camping trip come together, either by lending us items or chaperoning!"
Level 3 Families, we are always grateful for all you contribute to our middle school program.

Questions?
PARENTS AND STUDENTS: We encourage you to contact us with any questions and concerns. The best time to call us is in the evening; alternatively, you can email or text us any time:

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Level 3 Fees Due – Checks Made Payable to CMS

● ROPES fees are now past due. Please remit payment immediately………….$200
● Novels and Magazine Fees are past due……………………………………..$58
● Annual Land Lab Fee is past due…………………………………………….$15
● Camping Trip Fee is past due………………………………………………..$100
● Wilderness Adventure Deposit Due October 15th…………………………….$200

Mark Your Calendars

No School ............................................................................................................Monday, October 14
Social World Test..................................................................................................Monday, October 21
Level 3 Camping Trip..........................................................................................October 22-24
F.E.L.T. Community Service.................................................................................Friday AM, October 25

Regularly Scheduled:

Tuesday - Tutorials.......................3:15 - 4:30 PM

Wednesday - Mathcounts ..........3:15 - 4 PM
- The Level 3 Team (Robin, Deana, Erica, and Beronica)

Please send any email address changes and updates to redidin@centermontessori.org