

OZARK NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

2016-2017

School

Day Program

Parent Packet

"Enhancing the understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the Ozark Natural Environment"

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Participant Name	School	Classroom Teacher	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Date of birth / age	Gender	Current Height	Current weight

Participant medical history with any of the following*

- ADD/ADHD
 Asthma
 Autism
 Cancer
 Diabetes
 Heart abnormalities
 High or low blood pressure
 Seizures
 Stroke

Allergies (check all applicable) -
 Food
 Pollen/Hay Fever
 Latex
 Medication(s)
 Metals/Minerals
 Plants/Trees
 Insect bite/sting
 Other _____ (please specify any specific details related to severe allergies, including type of reaction) - _____

* Attach additional medical information pages if needed

Medications - (please list ALL medication(s) including inhalers, Epi-pens, over-the-counter medication, etc. participant will bring to ONSC)

Allergy or medical condition	Medication name / Strength (mg/ml)	Dosage instructions	Date began

In Case Of Minor Headache, May Your Child Have - (Please choose at least one)

- Tylenol (acetaminophen)
 Advil (ibuprofen)
 Call parent first
 None

Local Emergency contacts - (in addition to parent / legal guardian, those listed also have permission to pick-up youth participants)

Parent / Legal Guardian	Telephone #	Email
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Other	Telephone #	Relationship
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Permission to Participate - Please note participant or parent/guardian signature required before acceptance into any ONSC programs.

Media and Education Study Agreement

YES, I grant permission for ONSC to use for public relations purposes, any photos or videos taken of the participant, any artwork, writing or statements made by the participant during programs at ONSC. I further grant permission for the participant to take part in ONSC's education program evaluation studies. Participant names will not be used in any publication of the study.

NO, I do not grant media use permission

NO, I do not grant education study participation permission

Participation Agreement

I assume any and all of the inherent risks and any other risks incidental to the nature of these activities which are not specifically foreseeable. I will hold ONSC harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts and claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether for bodily injury, property damage or loss otherwise which may arise from mine or my child's participation. By signing this waiver, I release ONSC and its staff from any negligence incurred. I/My child enters into this activity voluntarily, and I take full responsibility for the decision for myself/him/her to participate or not to participate.

Date	Participant name (printed)	Participant / adult signature
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Parent / legal guardian signature required for participants under 18

Most ONSC school programs include a t-shirt for all student participants. Please select student size -

Adult or Non-Program T-Shirts and other merchandise may be purchased in our business office or online at <http://www.onsc.us/shop-store.php>

- Youth Large
 Adult Small
 Adult Medium
 Adult Large
 Adult X-Large
 Adult XX-Large

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Dear Parents,

We look forward to hosting your child's class at the Ozark Natural Science Center! There are several important items to mention in preparation for the trip. Please review the attached ONSC Guidelines form with your child. For a closer look at our program and the teacher naturalist staff, please visit the School Programs section of our website (www.onsc.us/school-program).

- Please follow the "what to bring" checklist closely so your child will be well-prepared for an enjoyable trip.
- Your child's comfort is essential to learning. It is important to dress in layers of clothing to add or remove as needed. We will be in the outdoors in changing weather conditions.
- Participants must wear closed-toe boots or shoes. No new boots (they often cause blisters).
- Participants must wear long pants. No shorts or capri-pants.
- Participants must bring a sack lunch, unless other arrangements are made with your child's school cafeteria.
- Raingear with head protection is required. No umbrellas please. Gloves, scarves and stocking caps are a necessity for cold weather.
- Please read and complete the participant registration form. Don't forget to sign and date the form.
- Return the form to your child's teacher.

The ONSC experience is much more than a school field trip. Check out our website <http://www.onsc.us>, for special programs, weekend activities, facility rental, volunteer opportunities & more. Look for ONSC L.I.V.E., our newest nature venture. There's always something happening in Bear Hollow!

Sincerely,



Matthew Miller
Executive Director

In Case of Emergency

ONSC's business number is 479.202.8340. After-hours emergency calls coming INTO the Center are routed to our executive director and/or program manager who lives onsite.

ONSC will only release a student to an authorized adult listed on the student's participant registration form. Authorized adults must provide a valid driver's license for photocopy before a student will be released to their care.

ONSC Guidelines

Respect – Show respect for others, facilities, property and the environment. Parents assume responsibility for any damages their child causes. If it's not yours, leave it alone. Remember to "take only pictures, leave only footprints, kill only time."

Readiness – Be prepared to participate enthusiastically, with a spirit of teamwork and friendship to fellow students. Bring backpack with water bottle, rain gear, pencil and extra socks to all activities. Be on time for all activities.

Responsibility – Take responsibility for your personal belongings, space and well-being. Communicate any questions to ONSC staff – we are happy to listen to and assist your child.

Safety – Listen to instructions at every activity. No running! Stay on trails. No standing or jumping on beds. One person per bunk at all times. Do not throw rocks, sticks or any other items.

Science – Be curious, observant and ask questions.

Conduct

All students should understand that their conduct must be appropriate to the standards of their school and ONSC. Failure to abide by the guidelines may result in their dismissal from the program. Should dismissal occur, parents will be notified to immediately pick-up their child from the program. Visiting teachers, adult chaperones and ONSC staff will counsel students whenever possible to avoid dismissal.

ONSC What to Bring CHECKLIST

Please follow the checklist closely. During cold weather months, be sure ample clothing is packed.

CLOTHING AND GEAR

- Long pants or jeans for hiking (**no shorts or capri pants**)
- T-shirts
- Long-sleeved shirt or sweater
- Socks - we recommend sending a second pair in case one gets wet
- Comfortable shoes that can get wet and muddy
- Jacket or heavy coat (weather appropriate, a sweatshirt is not sufficient)
- Comfortable, practical, sturdy sneakers or hiking boots. All shoes need to be close toed and close heeled (no sandals, flip-flops, or shoes with open sides, and please ***no new boots!***)
- Hat or cap, gloves or mittens, extra socks for colder weather wear
- Water bottle
- Pencil and small notebook
- Camera (optional)
- Money for merchandise (optional)

DO NOT BRING:

- ⊗ Cell phones, TV, radio, tape, CD, or MP3 players, electronic or video games of any kind
- ⊗ Knives or weapons of any kind
- ⊗ Umbrellas
- ⊗ Food, drink, candy, gum
- ⊗ Jewelry
- ⊗ "HotHands" or similar hand-warmer packets – please help us keep our trails clean by using warm gloves instead

ONSC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED PERSAL ITEMS