

# OZARK NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

2017-2018

Residential School 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 allergies, including trigger and type of reaction) - \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications** - (please list ALL medication(s) including inhalers, Epi-pens, over-the-counter medication, etc. participant takes regularly)

| 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        |
|                         | Telephone # | Email        |
| Other                   | Telephone # | Relationship |
| Other                   | Telephone # | Relationship |

**Permission to participate** - Please note participant or parent/guardian signature required before acceptance into any ONSC programs.

**Media 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.

- NO, I do not grant media use 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.

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

**Most ONSC residential 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

Dear Parents,

Your child will soon take part in an amazing educational adventure!

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 Packing Checklist and Guidelines with your child. For more details about our program, please visit the School Programs section of our website (<http://onsc.us/program-school.php>).

The following notes will help you and your child prepare for ONSC:

- **Please read, complete and return your child's participant registration form to their teacher.**
- Please follow the packing checklist closely so your child will be well-prepared for an enjoyable trip.
- It is important to pack layers of clothing to add or remove as temperature changes.
- 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 will be allowed during program time.
- **Participants must bring a sack lunch their first day of program**, unless other arrangements are made with your child's school cafeteria.
- Raingear with head protection is required. No umbrellas, please.
- Have your child help pack their belongings so they will be familiar with what has been packed
- All medication must be given to your child's teacher or school nurse prior to the visit. Your child's school district policy for student medications will apply during their trip to ONSC. Please send medications in their original container with detailed dosage instructions, enclosed in a clear Ziploc bag or similar container, labeled with your child's full printed name in ink.
- Questions regarding dietary restrictions and food allergies should be directed to ONSC's Foodservice Manager, Loretta Crow ([loretta@onsc.us](mailto:loretta@onsc.us)) at least one week prior to your child's visit.
- ONSC's gate is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.
- **In case of emergency, ONSC's business number is 479.202.8340. After-hours calls will be routed to our executive director and our onsite program manager.**
- 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.

The ONSC experience is much more than a school field trip. Check out our website <http://onsc.us/>, for adult field school courses, family programs, facility rental opportunities, ONSC L.I.V.E. videos & more. Sign up for our electronic news at <http://onsc.us/contact-all.php#>. There's always something happening in Bear Hollow!

Sincerely,



Becky Olthof  
Interim Director

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**ONSC Packing Checklist**

One complete change of clothing for each day your child will be at ONSC, including:

- Long pants or jeans for hiking (no shorts or capri-pants)
- T-shirts
- Long-sleeved shirt or sweater
- Three pair of long socks (above the ankle) – During winter months, we recommend wool or wool blend long socks
- Two pair of comfortable, close-toed shoes/boots - one pair may get wet. Please no new shoes/boots.
- Sleepwear
- Underwear
- Weather appropriate jacket or heavy coat (a sweatshirt is not sufficient during winter months)
- Sleeping bag or twin-sized sheets and blanket
- Pillow
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant and other toiletries (none are provided by ONSC)
- Towel and washcloth
- Brush or comb
- Plastic or cloth bag for dirty clothes, towel and bedding.
- Water bottle
  
- (Optional) Money for merchandise. Your child will turn this in for safe-keeping upon arrival at ONSC.

A backpack will be provided for your child to use while hiking at ONSC

*Please pack the following for your child's use on the trail:*

- Hat or cap
- Extra layer, such as a sweatshirt, sweater or jacket
- One extra pair of socks – During winter months, we recommend wool or wool blend socks.
- Reusable water bottle (32 oz. capacity is recommended; avoid excessively large bottles)
- 2 or more pencils
- Raingear (jacket and pant set or poncho)
- Gloves or mittens during cold weather
- Camera labeled with child's name (optional)

### **Do not bring:**

Cell phones, MP3 players, electronic or video games of any kind

- Flashlights
- Alarm clock
- Knives or weapons of any kind
- Hair dryer, curling iron, curlers, perfume or cosmetics
- Umbrellas
- Food, drink, candy, gum
- Jewelry
- Hot Hands or similar hand-warmer packets
- No sandals, flip-flops, open-toed or open-heeled shoes.

### **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. 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.