



Letter to Parents

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to let you know that our class will attend Cal-Wood Education Center as an addition to your child's school learning. Cal-Wood is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality education to area school groups since 1982. Cal-Wood is located 15 miles north-west of Boulder near the small town of Jamestown (about a 35-minute drive from Boulder and one hour from Denver). Their 1,200 acre outdoor learning center, nestled in the foothills, is a spectacular facility with abundant wildlife, trails, and educational opportunities. Cal-Wood instructors provide the day and evening teaching while adult chaperones from our school supervise the down-time and the overnights in the cabins. Cal-Wood provides a chance for our class to learn important academic concepts in science, math, history, language & visual arts, and more in a spectacular outdoor setting.

The dates of our program are: _____.

The cost per student that we are asking from parents is _____. This covers the instruction, transportation, meals, lodging, and accident insurance. If you anticipate difficulty in raising the money for this trip, please let us know. Also, if you would like to contribute a little extra towards another student's cost, it would be immensely appreciated. Make checks payable to _____.

(Do not send checks to Cal-Wood.)

Also, a completed and signed medical form must be returned to the school no later than _____. This form is **required** at this time for your child to participate. **If you have any questions about dietary restrictions or food allergies, please contact the lead teacher at the school.**

Each cabin at Cal-Wood has a propane heater, electricity, and sleeps ten. Boys and girls will be in separate cabins. The bathrooms and hot showers are located next door in the Lodge. The Lodge also holds the kitchen and dining hall (meals are nutritious and delicious!), a large indoor classroom (for inclement weather) and a medical room. Telephone use is for emergency purposes only: Cal-Wood main office number: (303) 449-0603.

The days are spent learning in the outdoors, and groups typically come inside only in very bad weather. The weather at Cal-Wood (elevation 7,800 feet) can vary from warm, intense sun to cold, windy and wet. Please follow the Personal Equipment List as closely as you can to provide for the safest, most comfortable experience for your child. Cal-Wood has plenty of gear to offer students during their program, so please do not buy anything for your child's Cal-Wood program.

Students bring their own sack lunch for the first day. Other than that meal, please do not provide snacks for your children because snacks in the cabins mean visitors – such as mice! Students cannot bring any electronic equipment: games, ipods, cell phones, hairdryers etc. We really want the students to have an “unplugged” experience while at Cal-Wood. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this great program.



Please return this form indicating how you plan to pay the above-listed parent contribution for your student.

Student name: _____ **Homeroom teacher:** _____

___ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

___ I need assistance in raising the cost of the program for my child. I can contribute \$ _____

___ I can help another child make this trip possible. Amount donated: \$ _____