

School Forest Check-list/Reminders

_____ Keys – Each building should have a set of keys – check with your secretary or principal. There are four keys (gate, picnic shelter, old cabin and outhouse). The gate and the picnic shelter have recently been locked and we would like to keep them that way when nobody is there, so please lock them again when you leave.

_____ First Aid supplies – There are some basic first aid supplies in the shelter like band-aids, ice packs, etc. However, if you have any students that might need special aid, like epipens or insulin, make sure to take them along.

_____ Water – There is no running water. You might want to take large coolers of water or make sure each student has a water bottle. If you are taking a large group, Tom Beattie (West Elem.) has a 55 gallon drum that can be used for drinking water. You will have to contact him if you would like to use it.

_____ Vehicle – If you have more than one adult going, it might be a good idea to have somebody drive their own vehicle in case there is an emergency. For those of you going for a full day, the bus driver might not be staying the whole day, in which case you would want some type of transportation available.

_____ Cell phone – Take for emergency purposes.

_____ Bug spray – There WILL be ticks. This might make for a good learning experience by warning students about them, but not making them afraid. Teach them how to dress to avoid them and how to check for them when they get back.

_____ Sunscreen

_____ Student permission slips/emergency contact information

** There is a fire pit that can be used, but you will have to collect your own wood and without a good source of water nearby, you will want to keep a close eye on it and make sure it doesn't get out of hand. Make sure that it is completely out before leaving. There will be two fire extinguishers in the picnic shelter.

** There is a port-a-pottie by the new picnic shelter. The custodians will keep toilet paper and hand sanitizer available. There is more in the shelter if there isn't any in the port-a-pottie or if you run out. Please let me know when you return if we are running low.

** Please take your garbage with you. The custodians will not be up there regularly, so we need to do our best to keep things clean and in order for other groups. There are garbage bags in the shelter.