

Parents of all 4th grade students,

This is the first letter to you about the overnight field trip to the Dana Brown Overnight Center at **Shaw Nature Reserve**. The students, along with faculty chaperones, will leave City Academy by bus at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 3. They will then attend programs, spend the night Tuesday night, and return to school by 3:30pm Wednesday, September 4.

The school will provide all food, program materials, and lodging. The lodging includes air-conditioned and heated cabins that will be divided by gender and chaperoned. There are also gender-specific shower facilities. The students will need to bring the following gear:

- One full change of clothes
- Toiletries, Towel, Wash Cloth
- Pajamas
- Extra socks
- Shoes for Hiking
- Sandals for Showering
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sleeping Bag or Covers
- Pillow
- Water Bottle
- Small bag for hiking
- Sun Lotion
- Bug Spray
- Poncho for Rain
- Light Jacket
- Hat & Heavy Jacket
- Flash Light

All gear should fit into one small bag or suitcase, except their sleeping bag and a small bag used for hiking. The most essential item is a water bottle. All clothes should be appropriate for the outdoors with no dark colors for sake of heat. Please realize this is just one night, and that no student should be overburdened with gear. **ABSOLUTELY NO SNACKS OR ELECTRONICS SHOULD BE PACKED FOR THE TRIP AND ALL WILL BE CONFISCATED.**

If a student requires medication of any kind, it is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide the medication and detailed instructions to the student's advisory teacher. If the medication is located at school, it is still the responsibility of the parent to make sure this is given, along with instructions, to the advisory teacher.

A detailed medical form and permission slip will be sent out closer to the date. This field trip is a mandatory part of the science program, and all forms need to be returned in order to attend.

The students will be representing themselves and City Academy during their trip to Shaw Nature Reserve. Respect of the host facilities, destinations, transportation, chaperones, and each other is expected at all times. As a result of this trip being school sponsored, all rules of student conduct apply as dictated in the Handbook provided earlier this year. **If a student's behavior becomes a concern, the chaperones reserve the right to call the parents / guardians of the student and have them retrieved by the parents / guardians and returned home prior to the end of the trip. All costs of transportation to return a student home prior to the end of the trip will be the responsibility of the parents / guardians.**

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Below is some information:

ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER:

Shaw Nature Reserve
307 Pinetum Loop Road
Gray Summit, MO 63039
(636) 451-3512

DIRECTIONS TO OVERNIGHT SITE:

I-44 West to Gray Summit exit
Left on HWY 100 over the highway
Left on outer road once over the highway
Right on Old Gray Summit Road
Right on Freund Lane into back gate of Reserve

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday

8:15am Pack the Bus
8:30am Depart
9:30am Arrive at Shaw and move into cabins
11:00 Eat Lunch
11:30 Forest and Prairie Investigations
3:00 Down Time
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Hike
9:00 Campfire and S'Mores
9:30 Shower & Bed

Wednesday

7:00am Wake Up and Pack
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Forest and Prairie Investigations
Noon Lunch
2:00pm Depart for School

I look forward to taking your students on this trip. If you have any questions, feel free to email or text me.

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