



Marblehead Community Charter Public School
17 Lime Street, Marblehead, MA 01945

MCCPS Outdoor Experience Program

Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed interest in participating in the inaugural MCCPS Outdoor Experience hiking trip. Though overnight trips are being planned for future dates, the first hiking trip will be a day trip.

At **7am on Sunday September 19th**, the students will meet at MCCPS. From there, with Mr. Cronin, Mr. Ruth, and Mr. Redmond, the students will drive to Thornton, New Hampshire to the trailhead for the Welch and Dickey Loop Trail. From the trailhead, they'll hike up the trail, stopping at the summits: to check out the views, take photographs, record written observations, eat lunch, and rest. From there, they'll descend to the trailhead, get back into the cars and head back to MCCPS. The plan is to be back at the MCCPS parking lot by 5 pm at the latest*.

Equipment your child should bring:

- Hiking boots/shoes
- A day backpack
- At least two bottles full of water
- A fleece or wool top and rain coat, to be worn as two layers
- Mittens or gloves
- A knit hat
- Long underwear and hiking pants
- A lunch (suggestion: sandwich, apple and granola bar)
- Sunscreen and sunglasses

We are excited about kicking off the MCCPS Outdoor Experience program. Mr. Cronin, Mr. Ruth, and Mr. Redmond have all led youth hiking trips (including the Welch-Dickey Loop) and see this as a great opportunity for students to experience the outdoors and develop their leadership skills. After reading the above letter and the below contractual obligations, please sign and return the signature section.

Sincerely,

Matt Cronin

*The exact times may change, and if they do, I will let you know.

I give my son/daughter permission to travel by personal vehicle from MCCPS to the trailhead near Thornton, New Hampshire with Mr. Cronin, Mr. Ruth, and Mr. Redmond.

I acknowledge that hiking can be a dangerous activity. I realize that the MCCPS Outdoor Experience Program and staff are not responsible for injuries that occur under proper leadership and supervision.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Contact Name and Number for September 19th: _____