

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The 6th grade will be taking a spring field trip on Friday, May 12, 2023 to Ijams/Navitat. We will leave Carter Middle School at 8:30 a.m. and return at 2:15 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$35.00 per student. This cost **does not include** lunch. Students may pack a lunch or request a boxed lunch from the school.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students! The ropes course at Navitat is normally \$50 and Ijams activities are normally \$10 each! Here are some of the activities we will have to choose from:

- Nature Hike- 60 minutes: Discover the forest through sensory exploration and play. Search for life in the forest - in trees, in the soil, and under logs. Gain insight into the value of the forest as a diverse habitat and natural resource.
- Animal Encounters- 60 minutes: Animal Tours at Ijams provide a more intimate, up-close experience with the ambassador animals who call Ijams home. Guests will spend time with the animal care coordinator, meeting the animals and learning about their individual stories and their care.
- Navitat Ropes Course- 30 minute safety training, 90 minutes on course: Navitat is a continuous belay high ropes challenge course with over 60 elements, 20 of which are ziplines. Students will participate in the full body harnesses, helmet, and gloves under the supervision of trained staff.
***This activity requires an electronic waiver to be signed.**

On the permission slip, please rank your student's preferences with a 1 (first choice) and 2 (second choice). Students will be put into a rotation that will include their #1 pick. Due to time constraints, students will not be able to participate in all activities.

*There is a limit for the ropes course. The first **90** students who choose the ropes course as their #1 pick will be put into a rotation including the ropes course. They will not be guaranteed a spot until the permission slip is returned **AND** the online waiver is submitted:

<https://kiosk.singenuity.com/checkin/form/4d22f1bf-5241-4123-9084-92c2cfc5beaa/navk/false/consent>

****Any student that receives OSS or two office referrals after March 7, 2023 will not be allowed to go on the field trip.**

***Permission slips and payment are due by Friday, May 5th **NO LATER THAN** 2:00 p.m. Payment can be made by check, cash or online. Payments can be made in increments if needed.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting trip!

6th Grade Teachers

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST

- Weigh between 30 and 265 lbs.
- *All Guests must wear all required Navitat provided safety equipment (i.e. harness, helmets, etc.). Guests must also be able to fit into Navitat provided PPE according to OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturers) guidelines.*
- Sign a participant agreement. If under age 18, your parent or legal guardian must sign the participant agreement on your behalf.
- Be at least 7 years old.
- Participants 7 - 9: A responsible adult must actively accompany 7-9 yr olds in participation on course and be prepared to assist and guide those children; unless special considerations exist.
- Participants: 10-17: Require an accompanying responsible adult, either on course or on the ground.
- Be in good health and prepared to participate in an active tour.
- Be able to comfortably walk at least one mile.
- Be able to comfortably hold both hands overhead.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes.

YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IF YOU:

- Are pregnant.
- Have any recent, re-occurring, or existing injuries.
- Have a serious musculoskeletal disorder.
- Have epilepsy or a seizure disorder that does not permit you to drive in the state of Tennessee.
- Have a serious heart condition.
- Have any known health condition that would require immediate medical attention in the event of an emergency.
- Are under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or legal drugs that may limit your abilities.

Permission Slip

My child has permission to attend the 6th Grade field trip to Ijams/Navitat on Friday, May 12, 2023, with Carter Middle School.

Student Name _____

Homeroom _____

Lunch Options:

My child will pack a lunch from home.

My child will need a box lunch to be provided by the school.

Please circle: PB&J Ham & Cheese

Activity Options:

Please Rank activity with **1** (first choice) and **2** (second choice)

_____ Nature Hike

_____ Animal Encounters

_____ Ropes Course/Zipline

*Must complete electronic waiver to participate in this activity.

**Spot is not guaranteed until electronic waiver is submitted.

I would like to donate \$ _____ to help sponsor another child to go on this trip.

Parent Signature: _____