



Orchard Middle School
6800 S.O.M. Center Road
Solon, Ohio 44139-4198
(440) 349-6215
fax: (440) 349-8054

Cari Mineard, Principal
Rocco Sciarabba, Assistant Principal

Dear Sixth Grade Families,

I am writing to provide advance notice about a new outdoor educational experience for our sixth graders. Orchard has conducted a camp experience for more than forty years. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and staff to connect and continue to build positive relationships beyond the traditional classroom walls.

Orchard Middle School Sixth Graders will have the opportunity to participate in an extended school day at Hiram House Camp in Moreland Hills, Ohio this upcoming May.

Your child will arrive at Orchard as they typically do each day and Solon school buses will transport them to Hiram House after attendance has been taken in their homeroom. A variety of camp experiences, recreation time, and a camp fire are scheduled throughout the day. Lunch and dinner will be provided to the students by the Hiram House Camp Dining Services.

Students will depart Hiram House Camp at 8:30 p.m. and return to Orchard Middle School at approximately 8:45 p.m. to be picked up by their parents/guardians.

2022 Camp Schedule	
Dates	Team - Homeroom
May 9, 2022	6A - Griffin, Corbo, Sheppard
May 16, 2022	6B - Kennedy, Ames, Young
May 23, 2022	6C - Sato, Gorby, Bonacci
May 10, 2022	6D - Ours, Chiodo, Ivons
May 17, 2022	6E - Butina, Dingfelder, Perez

Total cost per student will be **\$95.00**. This price includes: all programming, all meals, and other supplies. For additional information about Hiram House Camp feel free to check out their website.

<https://hiramhousecamp.org/>

Sincerely,

Cari Mineard
Principal

Forms

Please return the permission slip to your child's homeroom teacher by January 18th, 2022. All other forms and payment will be due by April 1st, 2022. Students with incomplete forms will not be permitted into the program.

Payment

The camper's cost this year will be \$95.00. Payment of \$95.00 can be paid by using your EZPAY Account. No checks or cash will be accepted. You can sign-in to EZPAY from the Solon Schools website at <https://www.spsezpay.com/soloncility/login.aspx>. You can login or create an account if needed. If creating an account, you will need your student's ID number (lunch number). Click under the "ACTIVITY FEES" tab to select the camp option. Payment will be accepted beginning **January 31st through April 1st**.

Refunds are not available after April 8, 2022 unless a student is excluded from school due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Meals

A hot lunch and dinner are included with the cost of camp. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by the dining staff at Hiram House. Please complete the dietary restrictions form. Students should plan to bring a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

Medications/Health

A nurse is provided on-site to administer medication and treat minor injuries and illness. In cases of severe illness or injury, parents are notified immediately. Students who regularly take scheduled medications at school will have their medication and forms sent to camp on their team's day. No additional action is needed.

Any student requiring medication be given to them only while at camp, either prescription and/or over the counter, must have the proper medication forms completed and returned with their camp packet.

Any student who becomes ill and unable to remain at camp will have a parent called to arrange for student pick-up from Hiram House Camp.

Scholarship

For those experiencing financial hardship, scholarships may be available. **Please email Cari Mineard, Principal by February 18, 2022** at cariannmineard@solonboe.org to request a camp scholarship.

Clothing and Equipment

We will attend camp regardless of the weather conditions and will be outside rain or shine, so it is important that students and families plan accordingly. It is recommended that students dress in layers based on the weather conditions including proper rain gear if necessary. In addition, students should consider wearing old shoes or boots.

Please have your student apply sunscreen before arriving at school and bring their sunscreen to reapply throughout the day. Also, students are permitted to bring insect repellent with them to camp. Repellent wipes are preferred, but spray is also permitted. A drawstring bag can be used to carry items. Please be sure the student's name is on the bag.

Additionally, students should avoid applying perfumes and scented body spray as they attract unwanted insects including mosquitoes.

Electronics

Students should leave all electronic devices and cell phones at home. A phone will be provided should a student need to contact home. Orchard Middle School and Hiram House Camp are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. Students may bring a disposable camera if they wish to take pictures throughout the day.

Supervision

Children are under the direct supervision of Orchard Middle School staff and trained Hiram House Camp staff.

Conclusion of Camp

Students will return to Orchard at approximately 8:45 p.m. and should be picked up at the Orchard playground. Parents should park in the front parking lot and walk to meet students on the playground. Each student will need to be signed out by the parent/guardian and the assigned teacher. Please plan to arrive at Orchard promptly by 8:45 p.m. for the return of the students from camp.