



# Outdoor School Program 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Permission Slip

Curriculum Instruction & Innovation



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Frederick County Public Schools  
191 South East Street  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

The dates of the trips are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Earth Systems  
(Child's Full Name)

field study with the Frederick County Public Schools Outdoor School. This is a two day, out-of-school, nonresidential program. Students will be picked up at their home school in the morning and returned in the afternoon each day in time for dismissal. These studies enhance the Earth Systems Unit in the 5th grade science curriculum and complement the 5th grade social studies curriculum. It allows the students to see and collect samples of the fascinating geological structures of our area and provides a hands-on opportunity for students to learn about local resources and the environment.

During the study, students will travel to various sites in and adjacent to Frederick County to learn about local geology and resources. Sites for the day may include Cunningham Falls State Park, Catocin Mountain Park, Rocky Ridge, Gambrill State Park, Fountain Rock Park, Pen Mar Park, Point of Rocks and the surrounding area, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, the Monocacy Aqueduct, Sugarloaf Mountain, and the Monocacy National Battlefield. Site visits are dependent on weather conditions and availability for each day. When weather permits, students will hike on trails at these sites. Hikes vary in distance (from 1/2 mile to 1 1/2 miles) on various terrain with frequent stops.

Instruction and transportation will be provided by the Frederick County Public Schools Outdoor School staff with assistance from 5th grade teachers. We will be using Frederick County Public School buses. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

There is no charge to students for this program. Students are expected to dress appropriately for this type of activity. They should wear old shoes, **dress in layers**, bring a hat and gloves, and in general be prepared to be outdoors. Accommodations will be made to work around the weather as best as possible. Bathrooms that are available range from heated bathrooms to port-o-potty style toilets to pit toilets like in many parks. Students need lunch and a drink for the day.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

- In accordance with FCPS policy, I will screen my child for symptoms of COVID-19 and will NOT send them on this trip if they are feeling sick or showing symptoms of any illness.
- My child will bring lunch and drink from home.
- My child will need a bag lunch and drink from the school (paying the same as a regular day lunch).

We will take some parent chaperones each day. (We may not be able to have all interested chaperones go with us.) If you are interested in being a chaperone, complete the following:

Chaperone name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ and phone \_\_\_\_\_