



# Outdoor School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Permission Slip

Science Curriculum Office

Frederick County Public Schools

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Form #002-F03

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Clear Form

The dates of the trips are: Day 1  Day 2

I give my permission for (child's name)  to participate in the Ecosystems 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 in time for dismissal. The purpose of these studies is to enhance the Ecosystems Unit in the 6th grade science curriculum and provide a hands-on opportunity for students to observe ecosystems and evaluate design processes. Students will conduct a variety of water tests and survey plant and animal life within the Potomac River Watershed. Students search for organisms to complete a biotic index of Big Hunting Creek and may utilize established hiking trails.

During the two days, students will be traveling to various rivers and streams. Day 1 includes the Monocacy River at Pinecliff Park, lunch at Pinecliff Park, the Potomac River at the Dickerson Conservation Park in Montgomery County; and/or the Monocacy River at the Monocacy Aqueduct; Potomac River at Noland's Ferry, and/or the Potomac River at Point of Rocks in Frederick County. The students will visit the northern part of Frederick County on day 2. During this trip, the students will be testing Owens Creek in Catoctin Mountain Park and conducting deer and salamander surveys. They will then travel to Big Hunting Creek at Cunningham Falls State Park where they will eat lunch, test the stream above the lake, and conduct a biotic index. *Depending on weather conditions it is possible the 2 days could be reversed and/or modified.*

Instruction and transportation will be provided by the FCPS Outdoor School staff with assistance from the home school science teachers. We will be using Frederick County Public School buses.

There is **no charge** to students for this program. Students are expected to **dress appropriately** for outside activity. They should wear old shoes, possibly a change of shoes and socks, and in general be prepared to be outdoors. Students must provide their own lunch and drink for each trip. Please make sure the home school is aware of any medicines or health concerns your child may have that we should know about for this trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Outdoor School at 240-236-4787. If you would like to know more about our program, visit <https://sites.google.com/fcps.org/outdoorschool>.

Signature of Parent or Guardian  Emergency Contact #

- In accordance with FCPS policy, I will screen my child for signs of illness and will NOT send them on this trip if they are 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 (same pay as a regular day lunch).

- I am interested in being a chaperone for ONE of the dates shown above: Day 1  Day 2
- I understand I MUST COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING from my child's school to be considered and that there will be a limited number of chaperones selected.

Name  Email  Phone