



Bridge Camping Extravaganza

Dear Bridge Families,

Fall is here, and with it has come camping weather! We will be going to **James River State Park**, on **Friday October 4th** for a **Bridge Camping Extravaganza!** I have reserved sites for us for that night, and the rest is up to us! We will be leaving from school **Friday during lunch**, so around **12:30**. If you are a Dad planning to attend please arrive at school by 12:15 to help us organize and carpool to the park. We will need drivers! I hope all the boys and dads will be able to come, but if you have a conflict I understand.

Some things you will need to bring include:

- Good tent for you and whoever will share it with you.
- Sleeping bag for each person
- Sleeping pad (the tent platforms are gravel)
- Change of clothes including a jacket for night time (it will get chilly)
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste!!!
- Water bottle (we will have water to refill)

Some things to **NOT BRING** include:

- Knives
- Matches, lighters
- Fireworks
- Pretend (or real) weapons
- Bikes, scooters etc.

Dinner will be Potluck.

This means each person brings a dish to eat and share with the group. If we all bring a little we will have a lot!

If you have any dietary restrictions let me know and I will accommodate those.

So far what I have planned includes:

- Mac&Cheese with Tuna
- Smores
- Apple Cider

I will be prepared to make Breakfast in the morning, but please don't hesitate to jump in and help!

Breakfast will include:

Breakfast:

- Pancakes
- Bacon
- Orange Juice
- Apple Cider
- Bananas and Apples

You will be on your own for Lunch on Saturday, so pack a few sandwiches or hit a restaurant on the way home!

A few more notes:

- We will be camped next to the Jame River, and I will bring my canoe. I will plan to put in for a short paddle Saturday after we pack up. It would be great if we had enough boats to take everyone for a paddle on Saturday.

- We will be trying to put 2 or 3 tents on each site and probably putting 2 or 3 people in each tent depending on size. Please be prepared to share!!!

- Check-out time is 3:00, so we will be packed up before then, but you may stay and enjoy the park for as long as you want on Saturday! There are hiking trails and sights to see.

- Finally, I have done this before! For many summers of my life I have led 5-10 day wilderness canoe camping trips in Northern Ontario with 10-12 year old boys. It is my passion and my second home. Please check out the website at www.keewaydin.org if this sounds like something that interests you and your son.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns send me an email at:

jparker@7hillsschool.org

