

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPROVAL FOR OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP / TRAVEL**

Please use this form for any field trips/overnight travel you are planning. Superintendent and School Committee approval must be obtained 90 days prior to departure date.

Person Organizing Field Trip: Scott Rossley Group/Class MRE Grade 5

Approx. # of Students: 90 Approx. # of Chaperones 11

Names of Chaperones:

<u>Scott Rossley</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted	<u>Erin Keane</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted
<u>Sean O'Shea</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted	<u>Alison Rumbelow</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted
<u>Everett Moody LPD</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted	<u>Peggy Colbott</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted
<u>Ardy Shaw LPD</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted	<u>DiAnne Teren</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted
<u>Kevin Berthiaume</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted	<u>Jan Scheufele</u>	CORI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted
			<u>Charlie Simpson</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinted

Destination: Natures Classroom Ocean Park, ME

Date(s) planned: Departure Sept 23 Return: Sept 27 How many school days will be missed: 5

Objective of the Trip: (How will this trip be related to the curriculum? What preparation have you given the students and what follow-up activities are planned?) Natures Classroom is an environmental science experience that also focuses on community and team building.

Itinerary: (Provide or attach a brief description of the itinerary) see Natures classroom schedule

Method of Transportation: Coach Bus - 2

Driver: (If staff member list staff member name) _____

Lodging Accommodations: Name: Oceanwood Camp - Dormitory
Address: Ocean Park, ME - Royal St.
Phone #: 207-934-2869

Tour Company you are working with: _____

Total Cost of Trip: \$ 35,000 Total Cost to Student: \$ 390/student

How will this trip be funded? If funded from a school budget, please indicate: Families Pay

<u>Scott Rossley</u>	<u>2/26/19</u>	<u>Gene O'Shea</u>	<u>2/26/19</u>
TEACHER/ADVISOR SIGNATURE	DATE	PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE	DATE
<u>Ramal Dush</u>	<u>2/26/19</u>		
NURSE SIGNATURE	DATE	SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE	DATE
NRSC CHAIR SIGNATURE	DATE		

OVERVIEW OF NATURE'S CLASSROOM

Nature's Classroom offers a unique educational experience to students and their teachers. The goal of the program is to create an educational community that integrates social development, student-driven exploration and interdisciplinary study. Students are under adult supervision at all times both during the day and at night. Small student to teacher ratios are maintained to promote personal growth and provide individualized attention to each student. The Nature's Classroom staff is comprised of professional staff with a wide variety of academic backgrounds and interests. Nature's Classroom encourages students to cooperate as a community, strengthen their self-concept and gain an appreciation of curiosity and learning. Working closely with your student's classroom teachers, Nature's Classroom develops a program that dovetails with the classroom curriculum and reinforces key concepts.

A typical day at Nature's Classroom features a morning *Field Group*, afternoon *Special Interest Classes*, and a *Large Group Activity* in the evening.

Field Group is generally the first activity of the day. Students are assigned by their classroom teachers to a field group; each field group is assigned to a single Nature's Classroom teacher. During field group, a strong emphasis is placed on working and learning as a team. Each day with their field group, students have the opportunity to explore in natural surroundings while studying important ecological concepts and their connection to the world and its life support systems. Students are encouraged to use critical thinking skills and work together to investigate a wide variety of natural phenomena and relationships.

Special Interest Classes occur primarily in the afternoon. Students have an opportunity to choose classes from a wide range of interests and disciplines. Nature's Classroom prides itself in presenting hands-on classes that are planned in conjunction with your student's classroom teachers. Classes are selected to reinforce and build upon your school's curriculum and explore the relationships between various academic disciplines. In order to provide students with the maximum opportunity for discovery and growth, a new selection of classes are available each day.

Large Group Activities and evening programs are selected by the classroom teachers to best suit the needs and goals of the students. With subjects ranging from science to leadership, traditional living to theatre, and everything in between, large group activities are a great way to create shared experiences for all Nature's Classroom participants.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided, as well as an evening snack at the close of each day. Meals provide an opportunity to interact with other members of the community and share personal triumphs and discoveries. The diversity of subject matter covered within field groups, classes and other activities encourages students and teachers alike to share their excitement and engage in meaningful conversation around the table. Medications and first aid are administered by an RN, EMT or other medical personnel who is always available. Lodging is dormitory styled.

Students return from Nature's Classroom with newfound interests, lasting memories, and a greater sense of independence. Relationships formed and strengthened among both students and their teachers carry over into the classroom and beyond. The real life experience, both social and academic, inspires an increased understanding and a deeper appreciation of community, education and curiosity. We look forward to providing your child with a unique opportunity to learn and play in a safe and supportive environment.