

BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Note: Trips of 150+ miles from Bedford, or overnight trips **MUST** have School Committee approval **PRIOR** to the trip. Please submit at least five (5) weeks prior to the trip.

Name: Erin Post Scott Smith **Date:** 2/6/2024

School: Lane

Teacher(s) Erin Post, Scott Smith, 4th grade team

Grade(s) 5 **# of Pupils:** 200

Destination: Take Flight Arial Adventures

Trip Date(s) Fri **Departure** 8:30A.M. **Return** 2:30 P.M.

Out-of-State: (x) yes () no **If yes, please complete the Out-of-State Guidelines**
Overnight: () yes () no **form**

Chaperones: Yes!

Educational Aims: See attached

Estimated Expenses:

Transportation: bus \$700 **Cost to Pupil** \$40?
Admission \$31 **Substitute Needed** (x) Yes () No

Approvals:

Program Administrator/Director **Date**

 2-7-24
Principal **Date**

Superintendent/Designee **Date**

Out-of-State:

School Committee Approval: () Yes () No **Date:** _____

Memo

To: Principals/Program Administrators and Directors
From: Superintendent
Re: OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

School Committee members have requested more detailed information when presenting an out-of-state field trip or overnight field trip request. I would ask that you forward answers to the following guideline questions so that I can include them with your request. Please attach as well any documentation/itinerary that may prove informative.

1. Dates of trip – will students be missing any school time.

May 16 and 17 2024 (rain date May 23 and 24).

Students will be missing school time (8:15-2:30)

We have already contacted the facility and they are very excited to have us visit the facility again. Take Flight is fully capable of accommodating our needs through staffing and or instructors.

2. Reason for trip.

We will be taking the 5th grade students to Take Flight Aerial Adventures ropes course

To introduce a new and unique health and wellness experience that students will be able to continue throughout one's life if they so choose.

This culminating activity will enhance the skills and knowledge that grade 5 students have been experiencing throughout the year during their Project Adventure course at Lane.

All of which include concepts and principles like, "challenge by choice", "take one step further than before", communication, cooperation, collaboration and taking risks and chances as one would do in life.

Since our first trip in 2017 this field trip has been super successful and has become a culminating and continuous event each year.

<http://www.takeflightadv.com>

506 US 1

Kittery, Maine 03904 Kittery, ME.

207-439-8838!

From the South: Take I-95 North crossing into Maine. Take exit 3 towards US-1 North. Merge onto US-1/W City Ave North. Take Flight will be 2 miles ahead on the right. - See more at: <http://www.takeflightadv.com/location-directions/#sthash.gwEpamIR.dpuf>

3. Number of students participating and grades involved. How will students be selected?

The entire grade 5 class.

Two trips or days each of which will have ½ of the grade level.

About 90 students per trip.

4. Cost to students. \$31 per student admission plus \$15 for bus

5. Cost to school.

6. Transportation – public, private, school van, etc.

\$700 per bus

7. Chaperones – number, names. Please remember that if it is an overnight trip and attended by male and female students, a male and female chaperone is required.

Each class will have Mr. Smith, Mrs. Post (Health and PE teachers)

They will also have the classroom teacher and 2 chaperones that have been CORI checked for each classroom. Names and numbers soon to follow.



Check out what some of our past guests have to say:

Jenelle Ries— Brooks School, Andover, MA

"We found the whole experience to be so enjoyable. Our kids really engaged in the "teambuilding" activities. They were different elements than ones we have seen at similar places. Your group leaders were encouraging and enthusiastic. The students (and adult chaperones) all appreciated that they could move through the ropes course at their own pace, testing themselves as they felt comfortable. I think almost everyone went higher than they expected! They had fun, worked together, and grew from the experience. We are looking forward to coming back again and keeping Take Flight on our list of annual trips we do with our junior class. A very pleasant experience from start to finish!"

FAQs

What is Take Flight?

Take Flight is Maine's leading Aerial Adventure Course and Adventure Zip Tour in Maine. The Aerial Adventure Challenge Course has over 60 activities and elements. We offer 2 Adventure Zip Tours with 6 different zip wires on each tour along with several climbing elements that take you on a high flying adventure through the trees!

Safety

It's our number 1 concern at Take Flight. Our staff is specially trained, and equipment checks are done daily before anyone is allowed on the course or zip lines.

How does it work?

We have a page just for this questions! Click [here](#) to find out how we operate and what activities we have.

Do you require a waiver?

Yes. Every guest needs read, understand, and have a completed waiver signed before participating. Guests who are under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian fill out the waiver before they can participate. Our waiver is available to be printed or completed online [HERE](#).

What are the height & age restrictions?

Both the Aerial Adventure Course and Adventure Zip Tours require guests to be minimum 48" tall and between 50-250 pounds.

On the Aerial Adventure Course, one guest in each group of two or three needs to be able to reach a height of 7ft. This is usually a guest who is 5'1" or 5'2". 7 ft. is the height of our cables you connect to while on the Aerial Adventure Course. One person needs to reach in order to move the clips from one cable to another.

Are reservations required?

Reservations are highly recommended for the Aerial Adventure Course. Reservations guarantee your time on the course as walk-ins are on a first-come first-serve basis.

Reservations are required for the Adventure Zip Tour.

What equipment is provided? Can I bring my own?

All equipment needed to participate is provided. You are outfitted with a harness, helmet, and belay lanyards. You will not be allowed to use your own equipment on the course.

What will I be doing?

Our Aerial Adventure Course has sixty elements of varying degree of difficulty spanning three levels to a height of 36' above the ground. Guests traverse the elements taking on a new challenge with every step. Elements include walking, climbing, and swinging through the air. There is no quantifiable level of fitness required to participate in the fun. Participants should be of reasonable health and possess no medical conditions that could pose harm to themselves or others in undertaking light to moderate to strenuous levels of exercise. The course requires varying levels of strength, stamina, and agility. If you are unsure about your ability to participate please consult your doctor prior to your visit.

Adventure Zip Line Tours consist of traveling on 6 zip wires connected to tress and utility poles where you zip from platform to platform. Zip lines are 75'-400' long. In between some zip lines there will be bridges and cargo nets that you will use to traverse to your next zip ride. Two staff members accompany each tour providing safety instruction, information on the area, ecology, and plenty of laughs!

Is the Course certified?

Take Flight was built by WingSpeed Adventures, a full service provider of challenge courses and zip wires. WingSpeed Adventures is a certified Professional Vendor Member of the Association for Challenge Course Technologies (ACCT).

Take Flight is a non-smoking and tobacco free facility.

- See more at: <http://www.takeflightadv.com/pre-flight-info/faqs/#sthash.nTAklvoD.dpuf>

- See more at: <http://www.takeflightadv.com/groups/#sthash.cjmtQ4V8.dpuf>

Requests that do not have this form attached will be returned to the teacher. All approvals by School Committee need to be submitted one month in advance. Faculty should not discuss trips with students/parents before School Committee approval has been given. Thank you for your attention to this.