

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child's class will be visiting the **Sandia Mountain Natural History Center** (SMNHC) in Cedar Crest for a one-day environmental science field trip. In order for this trip to happen, we need parent chaperones to accompany the class. If you are available on the day that your child's class visits the SMNHC, we would appreciate your assistance.

Activities and hikes are lead by an environmental educator from the SMNHC. Classroom teachers participate in all activities to assist students and provide necessary discipline.

We request that parent chaperones hike with the class on our ~ two-mile hiking trail (elev. between 6,900 and 7,200') The trail has some rocky areas and some steep sections. Chaperones will be spending most of the school day outdoors and must be willing to participate in all group activities. For safety reasons CHAPERONES MUST NOT BRING ANY OTHER CHILDREN or PETS with them.

For liability reasons, a teacher must accompany the class group during all activities. Therefore, if a student should become ill during the day, the parent chaperone may be asked to watch that child until arrangements can be made for his/her care.

This trip is one of the highlights of the year. If you would like to share this experience with your child, have an opportunity to learn about the natural history of the Sandias, and spend the day hiking in the mountains, please sign this letter and return it to your child's classroom teacher. Be sure to dress comfortably and appropriately for hiking in the mountains.

Thanks for your time and effort.

NO SMOKING ALLOWED

You may contact SMNHC if you have questions:281-5259

I have read the above and I am interested in participating in the fifth-grade field trip to the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center.

Your Name: _____

Your Child's Name: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____