

Grade 5 Fairview Lake Encampment Trip - Frequently Asked Questions
Wayne Township Public Schools

What gear does my child need for the trip?

All of the gear needed is listed in the “Clothing and Equipment List for Fairview Lake” document located in the Elementary Education files. Please have your child pack according to the anticipated weather, noting that it tends to be slightly colder in Stillwater than in Wayne. Additionally, all campers must carry all of their belongings to and from their bunks. Therefore, it is good practice to have your child packed in advance of the trip and have them carry their gear up and down stairs or around your home.

Will there be water bottles available?

Students should bring their own water bottle, per the equipment list. Fresh water is always available to refill water bottles in the dining hall.

What if my child has allergies and cannot eat certain things?

Fairview Lake is a nut-free facility, and the lead cook is very accommodating to dietary needs. There is a salad bar at all lunches and dinners. Fruit is always available between meals as a healthy snack. However, parents may send food with the school nurse. All food must be labeled with the child’s name, school, and meal for which it should be eaten.

May I send snacks with my child?

Fairview Lake is situated in the woods, and any food in cabins can attract critters, large and small. Therefore, campers should not bring any food with them on the trip. The dining services at camp are quite good, and as noted above, there is always fresh fruit in the dining hall for students needing a snack. If your child cannot have fruit as a snack, you may send in an alternate snack with the school nurse.

How will groups be made?

Each camper will belong to a bunk group, an activity group, and a dining hall group. The bunk and activity groups will be by school, and the dining hall group will be mixed among the three schools. However, campers go to activities with multiple groups, so they will be interacting with children from other schools throughout the day. Grade-level teachers create all groups, and students do not find out about groups until they are on the buses and headed to camp. Teachers do their best to ensure that children are placed with at least one friend in each group, but as the part of the purpose of camp is to make new friends, we like to ensure that we mix it up a bit as well.

In what activities will campers participate?

Camp activities will include a hike, outdoor team-building, survival skills, and owl pellet explorations. The hike includes time on the Appalachian Trail and a beautiful scenic overlook. Additionally, all campers will participate in a campfire in the evening.

Are cell phones allowed?

Cell phones are not allowed at all. Should parental contact need to be made, teachers or an administrator will contact the parent via a land line. We want campers to focus fully upon the activities and upon making new friends.

How will children be supervised at night?

Each bunk will have at least one high school chaperone, and teachers' and nurses' bunks will be close by. This year, Fairview Lake staff will be providing additional nighttime campsite monitoring to ensure safety and security for all.

*Should you have any further questions, please reach out to your child's principal.
We look forward to a healthy, fun, and engaging trip!*